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TUESDAY, November 19, 1872.

The General Court of the Commonwealth assembled this day in obedience to the following proclamation of the Governor, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

By His Excellency WILLIAM B. WASHBURN, GOVERNOR.

A. PROCLAMATION.

Whereas. It is provided by the Constitution of the Commonwealth that the Governor, with advice of Council, shall have full power and authority, during the recess of the General Court, to call it together sooner than the time to which it may be adjourned or prorogued, if the welfare of the Commonwealth shall require the same; Proclamation.

And whereas, I am officially advised by the unanimous action of its municipal government and a large committee of its most eminent citizens that the recent fire in Boston has, in their judgment, rendered certain measures of state legislation imperatively necessary;

Now, therefore, believing that the emergency contemplated by the Constitution has occurred, I do issue this my Proclamation to the members of the General Court, calling them to assemble at the State House, in Boston, on Tuesday, the 19th day of November instant, at twelve o'clock, noon, to take such steps and act upon such matters as may be deemed expedient in consequence of the great calamity which has suddenly fallen upon the chief city of our Commonwealth.

Given at the Council Chamber, in Boston, this twelfth day of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two.

WILLIAM B. WASHBURN.

By His Excellency the Governor with advice of Council.

OLIVER WARNER,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

And the following members of the Senate appeared and took their seats, to wit :—

Hon. Messrs.	Frost,	.	.	.	
	Boardman,	.	.	.	
	Jacobs,	.	.	.	} <i>Suffolk County.</i>
	Coolidge,	.	.	.	
	Learnard,	.	.	.	
	Johnson,	.	.	.	
	Hewes,	.	.	.	
	Safford,	.	.	.	
	Tarbox,	.	.	.	} <i>Essex County.</i>
	Woodwell,	.	.	.	
	Giles,	.	.	.	
	Long,	.	.	.	
	Potter,	.	.	.	
	Fuller,	.	.	.	} <i>Middlesex County.</i>
	Pike,	.	.	.	
	Wallace,	.	.	.	
	Wright,	.	.	.	
	Richardson,	.	.	.	
	Whitney,	.	.	.	
	Torrey,	.	.	.	} <i>Worcester County.</i>
	Smith,	.	.	.	
	Noble,	.	.	.	} <i>Hampden County.</i>
	Woods,	.	.	.	
	Sheldon,	.	.	.	<i>Hampshire County.</i>
		.	.	.	<i>Franklin County.</i>
	Brewster,	.	.	.	} <i>Berkshire and Hampshire Counties.</i>
	Whiting,	.	.	.	
	Wakefield,	.	.	.	} <i>Norfolk County.</i>
	Carpenter,	.	.	.	
	Lobdell,	.	.	.	<i>Plymouth County.</i>
	Humphrey,	.	.	.	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth Counties.</i>
	Ames,	.	.	.	
	Coe,	.	.	.	} <i>Bristol County.</i>
	Baker,	.	.	.	
	Bradley,	.	.	.	<i>Cape District.</i>
		.	.	.	<i>Island District.</i>

The Proclamation having been read, prayer was offered by the Chaplain.

Quorum of
Senate.

On motion, Mr. Jacobs was charged with a message to the House of Representatives, informing that branch that a quorum of the Senate had assembled.

Quorum of
House of
Representatives.

A message was received from the House, announcing that a quorum of that branch had assembled.

Governor.

On motion of Mr. Frost,—

Ordered, That a committee of two on the part of the

Senate, with such as the House may join, be appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have assembled in pursuance of the proclamation of His Excellency of the 12th instant, and are now ready to receive such communication as it may be his pleasure to make to them.

And Messrs. Frost and Woods were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Corliss of Gloucester, Fairbanks of Fall River, Ross of Holden and Hersey of Chelsea, are joined.

Subsequently, Mr. Frost, from the above committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate in person with the Legislature at such time as would suit their convenience.

Soon after, a message was received from the House of Representatives, proposing a convention of both branches forthwith, for the purpose of receiving such communication as His Excellency may be pleased to make.

And the Senate concurred in the proposition, and Mr. Bartholomew was charged with a message to the House informing that branch thereof.

Whereupon, the two branches met in

Convention,

For the purpose above specified, and Messrs. Learnard and Noble of the Senate, and Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Bacon of Lawrence, Harris of Charlestown and Palmer and Packard of Boston, of the House, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the two branches are now in convention and in readiness to receive such communication as he may be pleased to make to them.

Subsequently, the Governor came in, accompanied by the Council, and thereupon delivered an address in relation to certain legislation made necessary by the late disastrous fire in the city of Boston.

The two branches separated.

Mr. Jacobs presented a petition of the mayor of the city of Boston for an amendment of the act in relation to betterments in the city of Boston.

Also, a petition of the same for amendment of the laws

in relation to the erection of buildings in the city of Boston.

Severally laid on the table.

Paper from the House.

Governor's
address.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a joint special committee be appointed, to consist of five members of the House, with such as the Senate may join, to consider what disposition shall be made of the several portions of the Governor's address.

And Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Kimball of Boston, Thompson of Gloucester, Baldwin of Worcester, and Anderson of Lowell are appointed on the part of the House.

And Messrs. Torrey and Tarbox are joined on the part of the Senate.

Subsequently, a report of the above-named committee came up, the same concluding with certain orders, and was read and accepted in concurrence; and it was accordingly

Municipal
loan.

Ordered, That so much of said address as relates to a municipal loan of the city of Boston, be referred to a joint special committee of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House.

Insurance.

So much thereof as relates to matters connected with insurance, to a joint special committee consisting of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House.

Street, etc.,
in Boston.

So much thereof as relates to buildings and streets, and grades of the same, to a joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate and seven on the part of the House.

Municipal
loan.

The President appointed Messrs. Jacobs, Fuller and Ames as the committee on the part of the Senate, on so much of the address as relates to a municipal loan of the city of Boston.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Kimball of Boston, Thompson of Gloucester, Upham of Spencer, Folsom of Lowell, Brown of Adams, Quincy of Boston and Bancroft of Ayer are joined.

Insurance.

And Messrs. Richardson, Whitney of Norfolk and Smith, on so much of the same as relates to matters of insurance.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Barnard of Worcester, Towne of Fitchburg, Adams of Hyde Park, Bacon of Lawrence, Benton of Brookline, Cushing of Newburyport and Stanwood of Boston are joined.

And Messrs. Torrey, Boardman and Carpenter, on so much thereof as relates to buildings and the grading of streets. Streets, etc., in Boston.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, F. W. Lincoln of Boston, Parker of Lancaster, Corliss of Gloucester, Arnold of Northampton, Cornell of New Bedford and White of Plymouth are joined.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk presented a petition of John C. Abbott, for an act of incorporation as the Shoe and Leather Insurance Company. John C. Abbott et al.

The same senator, on leave, introduced a bill concerning insurance companies. Insurance companies.

Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up *non-concurred* and referred to the joint special committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to that subject; and the Senate receded from its vote of reference and concurred with the House.

The same senator, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the first section of chapter 224 of the acts of the year 1862, in relation to a tax on certain insurance companies. Ib.

Also, a bill to incorporate the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company. Mass. Mut. Ins. Co.

The same senator presented a petition of the Neptune Fire and Marine Insurance Company, by Isaac Thacher and others for an act of incorporation. Neptune Fire & Marine Ins. Co.

Also, a petition of James H. Lunt and others, for an act of incorporation as the Suffolk Insurance Company. James H. Lunt et al.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of John H. Stark for an act of incorporation as the Homestead Insurance Company. John H. Stark.

Mr. Johnson, on leave, introduced a bill to increase the guarantee stock of the Traders' and Mechanics' Insurance Company. Traders' & Mechanics' Ins. Co.

Severally referred to the committee on Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Frost, on leave, introduced a bill to empower probate courts to authorize trustees to mortgage real estate in Probate courts.

certain cases ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M., and that that be the hour of meeting until otherwise ordered.

Paper from the House.

Joint rules
and orders.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the 15th and 16th of the joint rules and orders be suspended.

On motion of Mr. Learnard,—

Insurance
companies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of providing by law a limit to the dividends which may be declared by insurance companies.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 20, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

James H.
Lunt et al.
The Nep-
tune Fire &
Marine Ins.
Co.
Bills.

The petitions of

James H. Lunt and others ; and

The Neptune Fire and Marine Insurance Company ; and

The bills,

To incorporate the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company ;

To increase the guarantee capital stock of the Traders' and Mechanics' Insurance Company ;

To amend the first section of chapter 224 of the acts of the year 1862, came up severally non-concurred in the reference thereof to the joint standing committee on Insurance, and referred to the joint special committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to that subject.

And the Senate receded from its vote of reference and concurred with the House.

Old South
Society.

A petition of the standing committee of the Old South Society for amendment of charter was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

A bill in amendment of the act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the preservation of life and property in Boston; and Building act.

A petition of the mayor of Boston in relation to the same subject; and Boston.

A petition of the Boston Board of Trade for a renewal of the charter of the Union Exchange Company in Boston; and Boston Board of Trade.

A petition of D. K. Cross and others, for the prohibition of the discharge of fire-crackers in the city of Boston, and the regulation of the sale of fire-works, were severally referred to the committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to buildings, streets and grades. D. K. Cross et al.

A petition of the Emigrant Savings Bank for amendment of charter, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Emigrant Savings B'k.

A petition of William T. Hart and others, trustees of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company for leave to extend their tracks into the "burned district" in the city of Boston, was referred to the committee on Railways. B. H. & E. R.R. Co.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced a bill making additional regulations relative to the erection of buildings in the city of Boston; and the same was read and referred to the committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to that subject. Building act.

The petition of the mayor of the city of Boston in relation to the same subject; and Boston.

The petition of the same for an amendment of the act in relation to betterments, were severally taken from the table and referred to the same committee.

On motion of Mr. Learnard, the vote by which the order relative to limiting the dividends of insurance companies was adopted, was reconsidered, and the order was amended by inserting before the words, "committee on Insurance," the words "joint special," and as amended, adopted. Insurance companies.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the Boston Board of Trade for an amendment of the laws relative to special partnerships; and the same was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Boston Board of Trade.

Papers from the House.

Boston Merchants' Exchange.

A bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange, was read and referred to the joint special committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the building act.

Boston.

A bill to authorize the city of Boston to issue its bonds for certain purposes; and

A petition of the mayor of Boston for the passage of the above act, were referred to the joint special committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to that subject.

New England Mutual Ins. Co.

A petition of the New England Mutual Insurance Company for amendment of charter; and

J. W. Balch et als.

A petition of Joseph W. Balch and others, for an act of incorporation as the Boylston Mutual Insurance Company; and

F. Greene et als.

A petition of Franklin Greene and others, for an act of incorporation as the Prescott Insurance Company; and

A. H. Bean et als.

A petition of A. H. Bean and others, for an act of incorporation as the Faneuil Hall Insurance Company; and

A. Bowker et als.

A petition of Albert Bowker and others, for an act of incorporation as the North American Insurance Company; and

A. Jackson et als.

A petition of Abraham Jackson and others, for an act of incorporation as the Franklin Fire and Marine Insurance Company; and

Beverly Insurance Co.

A petition of the Beverly Insurance Company for amendment of charter; and

E. Whitney et als.

A petition of Elisha Whitney and others, for an act of incorporation as the Boston National Insurance Company; and

S. G. Rogers et als.

A petition of S. G. Rogers and others, for an act of incorporation as the Fireman's Insurance Company; and

S. Gould et als.

A petition of Samuel Gould and others, for an act of incorporation as the Manufacturers' Fire and Marine Insurance Company; and

Mechanics' Mutual Insurance Co.

A bill to incorporate the Mechanics' Mutual Insurance Company, were severally referred to the joint special committee on Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

Insurance.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint special committee on Insurance consider the expediency of reporting a bill for the better protection of parties that have reasonable cause to suppose that they are insured, providing

either that property be insured by the state, cities or towns, by authorizing the formation of insurance companies under general laws; by limiting the amount of risks by any company in any city or town; by limiting the percentage of dividends to be declared; by making the private property of stockholders liable, or by any other means whereby the public shall have cause to feel that they are reasonably protected after having parted with their money for that purpose, in good faith.

Also, that said committee consider the expediency of passing a general law for the incorporation of insurance companies. Insurance companies.

Also, that said committee consider the expediency of providing for some limitation of insurance risks, so that amounts taken or held by any insurance company, authorized to do business in this Commonwealth, in any city or town or in any "fire district" regularly established in such city or town, shall at no time exceed the assets of such company.

A petition of George A. Curtis and others, for an act of incorporation as the Eliot Fire Insurance Company, was referred to the joint special committee on Insurance. G. A. Curtis et als.

Messrs. Parsons of Plymouth and Stickney of Bristol, appeared and took their seats at the board.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, November 21, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

A petition of John A. Lowell and others, for an act of incorporation as the Merchants' Fire and Marine Insurance Company; and J. A. Lowell et als.

A petition of Arthur W. Hobart and others, for an act of incorporation as the Benefit Fire Insurance Company, were referred to the joint special committee on Insurance. Arthur W. Hobart et als.

Severally in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Richardson,—

Ordered, That the joint special committee on Insurance be authorized to report such amendments to the laws relative to insurance as they may deem necessary. Insurance.

Mr. Thayer of Berkshire appeared and took his seat at the board.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, November 22, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Boston. A bill to give the city council of Boston authority to remove the Coliseum building, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

John P. Treadwell et als. A petition of John P. Treadwell and others, for an act of incorporation as the Atlas Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company; and

Nathaniel Gilmore et als. A petition of Nathaniel Gilmore and others, for confirmation of certain proceedings of the Turner's Falls Fire District in the town of Montague, were severally referred to the joint special committee on Insurance.

Severally in concurrence:

Boston Board of Trade. Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Boston Board of Trade in relation to special partnerships, reported that the petition be referred to the next general court; and the report was read and, under a suspension of the rule, accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint special committee on Insurance, on the order authorizing amendments in the laws relative to insurance, reported

Insurance companies. A bill in relation to the compensation of receivers of insurance companies; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Real estate. Mr. Wakefield, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize trustees and guardians to mortgage real estate; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Homestead Ins. Co. Mr. Johnson, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Homestead Insurance Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A.M. Adjournment.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, November 23, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

A report, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of D. K. Cross and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday. D. K. Cross et al.

Remonstrances of

Joseph Ballard and others; and

Old South Society.

Charles Francis Adams and others, severally against the petition of the Old South Society, were referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

A petition of Henry Chapin and others, for an act of incorporation as the People's Insurance Company of Worcester was referred to the joint special committee on Insurance. H. Chapin et al.

A petition of William Evans and others, captains in the First Regiment of Infantry, for remuneration for losses of clothing, etc., consequent on the late fire, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Wm. Evans et al.

Severally in concurrence.

A bill to guarantee insurance by mutual fire insurance companies, came up referred to the joint special committee on Insurance; and the Senate non-concurred in the reference, and referred the same to the next general court. Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Bartholomew, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bills in relation to authorizing trustees to mortgage real estate in certain cases, reported Real estate.

A bill to empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases, to mortgage real estate; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Hewes presented a petition of A. H. C. Phelps and others, for relief for working women thrown out of employment by the late fire in the city of Boston. A. H. C. Phelps et al.

Referred to the joint special committee on the Governor's address relating to a municipal loan by the city of Boston.

T. H. Smith
et al.

Mr. Jacobs presented a petition of T. H. Smith and others, for an act of incorporation as the Trades' Union Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Referred to the joint special committee on Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Rates paid
for insur-
ance.

Ordered, That the joint special committee on Insurance inquire whether any limitation can be made to the rates paid for insurance, to those existing previous to the occurrence of the late fire.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Receivers of
insolvent
insurance
companies.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in relation to the compensation of receivers of insolvent insurance corporations, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, November 25, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Coliseum.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to give to the city council of Boston authority to remove the Coliseum building, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Subsequently, the same was read twice, under a suspension of the rule and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Joint Stock
insurance
companies.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the joint special committee on Insurance, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A bill in relation to dividends by joint stock insurance companies.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, on the order relative to the passage of a general law for the formation of insurance companies, reported

A bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies; and these bills were severally read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and ordered to a third reading.

Paper from the House.

A bill to provide for a commission on the subject of the Boston.
 drainage and water supply of Boston and its vicinity, was
 read and referred in concurrence to the joint special com-
 mittee on Buildings, Streets, etc., in the city of Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to Real estate.
 empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain
 cases, to mortgage real estate, was read a second time and
 ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill in relation to the compensation of re- Receivers of
insurance
companies.
 ceivers of insolvent insurance companies, was read a third
 time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House report, on the petition of D. K. Cross and D. K. Cross
et als.
 others, was accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, November 26, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Ordered. In concurrence, that the joint special com- Insurance
companies.
 mittee on Insurance consider the expediency of reporting
 a bill to prevent insurance companies from forming or con-
 tinuing combinations detrimental to the public interests in
 raising by said combinations, the rate of insurance to an
 unwarrantable sum.

A petition of Albert Morgan and others, for the estab- State system
of insur-
ance.
 lishment of a state system of insurance, was referred to
 the joint special committee on that subject.

A remonstrance of Henry W. Taft of Pittsfield and Old South
Society.
 others, against the petition of the Old South Society, was
 referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Socie-
 ties.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Giles, from the committee on Banks and Banking, Emigrant
Savings B'k.
 on the petition of the Emigrant Savings Bank, reported

A bill to amend the charter of the Emigrant Savings Bank and for other purposes; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston.

Mr. Carpenter, from the joint special committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to buildings, etc., in the city of Boston, on the petition of the mayor of said city for amendment of the betterment act, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Old South Society.

Mr. Sheldon presented a remonstrance of Rev. Edgar Buckingham and others, against the petition of the Old South Society.

Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Buildings,
etc., in Bos-
ton.

Mr. Torrey, from the joint special committee on so much of the Governor's address as relates to buildings and streets in the city of Boston, on the bill making additional regulations in relation to the erection of buildings in the city of Boston, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Joint stock
insurance
companies.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate bill in relation to dividends by joint stock insurance companies was read a third time and passed over.

Insurance
companies.

The Senate bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, Mr. Tarbox moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Real estate.

The bill to empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases to mortgage real estate, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,—

Adjourn-
ment.

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, November 27, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of William Evans and others, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next general court; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Wm. Evans
et als.

Papers from the House.

A bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston Mer-
chants' Ex-
change.

The bill to guarantee insurance by mutual fire insurance companies, came up, and the House insists on its reference thereof to the joint special committee on Insurance; and the Senate receded from its non-concurrence therein.

Insurance.

A report of the joint special committee on buildings, streets and grades in the city of Boston, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Boston Board of Trade for a revival of the charter of the Union Exchange Company in Boston, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

Boston
Board of
Trade.

A remonstrance of L. S. Cragin and others, against the petition of the Old South Society, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies in concurrence.

Old South
Society.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies passed to be engrossed; and

Insurance
companies.

The bill in relation to dividends by joint stock insurance companies, were severally passed over.

The bills,

Bills.

To amend the charter of the Emigrant Savings Bank;

To establish a grade in the city of Boston, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report, on the petition of the mayor of the city of Boston for amendment of the betterment act, so called, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, November 29, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Wednesday was read.

Paper from the House.

Insurance
by cities
and towns.

A bill relating to insurance by cities and towns, was read and referred in concurrence, to the committee on Insurance.

Bills.

Bills,

To authorize the extension of railroad tracks into the burned district of the city of Boston (on the petition of the trustees of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company);

To enable the city of Boston to make and issue bonds for certain purposes (on the petition of the mayor of said city), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Beverly In-
surance Co.

A report, referring the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company to the next general court, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Coliseum.

An engrossed bill to give the city council of Boston authority to remove the Coliseum building (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Boston Mer-
chants' Ex-
change.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The bills,

To amend the charter of the Emigrant Savings Bank and for other purposes;

To establish a grade in the city of Boston, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

And the former came up concurred.

Wm. Evans
et als.

The Senate report, on the petition of William Evans and others, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Boston
Board of
Trade.

The House report, on the petition of the Boston Board of Trade was accepted in concurrence.

Insurance
companies.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies passed to

be engrossed, was considered and carried in the affirmative ; and the question then being on ordering the same to be engrossed, Mr. Sheldon proposed the following amendment to the bill, adding at the end of section 11 :—

“ Provided, however, that in any town in the Commonwealth, of less than four thousand inhabitants, a company may be organized under the provisions of this act, to insure dwelling-houses, farms, buildings and contents, only within the limits of the town where said company is located, and may issue policies when seventy-five thousand dollars have been subscribed to be insured.”

And the question on this amendment was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Fuller,	Hewes,	Pike,
Potter,	Sheldon,	Stickney,
Tarbox,	Whitney, B. D.,	Woodwell.—9.
NAYS. —Messrs. Ames,	Baker,	Bartholomew,
Boardman,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Carpenter,	Frost,	Griggs,
Jacobs,	Learnard,	Lobdell,
Long,	Noble,	Parsons,
Smith,	Torrey,	Wakefield,
Whitney,	Woods,	Wright.—21.

So the amendment was rejected.

The bill was then amended, on motion of Messrs. Whitney and Bartholomew, and the question was then taken on ordering the same to be engrossed, and it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Bradley,	Brewster,	Carpenter,
Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,
Humphrey,	Jacobs,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Parsons,	Potter,
Smith,	Wakefield,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods.—19.		
NAYS. —Messrs. Baker,	Griggs,	Long,
Pike,	Sheldon,	Tarbox,
Whitney, B. D.,	Woodwell.—8.	

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill in relation to dividends by joint stock insurance companies, was further considered.

Joint stock
insurance
companies.

Mr. Parsons proposed an amendment to the bill, viz :—Strike out all after the words “capital stock,” in the sixth line of the first section. And the question on the adop-

tion of this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,			Griggs,	Hewes,
Lobdell,			Long,	Parsons,
Pike,			Potter,	Sheldon,
Tarbox,			Whitney, B. D.,	Woodwell.—12.
NAYS. —Messrs. Ames,			Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Bradley,			Brewster,	Carpenter,
Frost,			Fuller,	Giles,
Humphrey,			Jacobs,	Larnard,
Noble,			Smith,	Wakefield,
Whitney, J. S.,			Woods.—17.	

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Sheldon proposed an amendment, adding to the first section, the following, viz :—

“Provided, that no dividends exceeding five per cent. per annum, shall be declared or paid upon any increase to the capital stock made from the profits of any company, as herein provided.” And the question on this amendment was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,			Bradley,	Frost,
Fuller,			Hewes,	Lobdell,
Long,			Noble,	Parsons,
Pike,			Potter,	Sheldon,
Tarbox,			Whitney, B. D.,	Woodwell.—15.
NAYS. —Messrs. Ames,			Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Brewster,			Carpenter,	Giles,
Humphrey,			Jacobs,	Larnard,
Stickney,			Wakefield,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods.—13.				

So the amendment was adopted, and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, Mr. Whitney of Norfolk moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby said bill passed to be engrossed, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A. H. C.
Phelps et
als.

Mr. Jacobs, from the joint special committee on the subject of a municipal loan, on the petition of A. H. C. Phelps and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mileage.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Treasury be directed to make up the mileage of the members of the Senate for the present session.

Papers from the House.

Remonstrances of
Josiah D. Canning and others ;
George W. Nesmith and others ;
James H. Fitz and others, and
Abner Phelps and others, severally against the petition
of the Old South Society, were referred to the committee
on Parishes and Religious Societies in concurrence.

Old South
Society.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, November 30, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Paper from the House.

A report of the joint committee on Insurance, that it is
inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to restricting
the amount of risk to be taken in any given locality by
insurance companies, was accepted in concurrence.

Limitation
of risks of
insurance
companies.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first mat-
ter therein being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby
the bill in relation to dividends by joint stock insurance
companies passed to be engrossed, the question thereon
was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

Joint stock
insurance
companies.

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Boardman,
Brewster,	Carpenter,	Frost,
Fuller,	Giles,	Humphrey,
Jacobs,	Johnson,	Learnard,
Noble,	Safford,	Smith,
Torrey,	Wakefield,	Wallace,
Whitney, J. S.,	Woods,	Wright.—21.

NAYS.—Messrs. Hewes,	Long,	Parsons,
Pike,	Potter,	Sheldon.—6.

So the vote was reconsidered, and on the motion of Mr.
Whitney of Norfolk, the vote by which the amendment
proposed yesterday by Mr. Sheldon was adopted, was re-
considered, and the same was thereupon rejected and the
bill again passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bills,

Bills.

To enable the city of Boston to make and issue bonds
for certain purposes ;

To authorize the extension of railroad tracks into the burned district of the city of Boston, were severally read a third time and ordered to a third reading.

A. H. C.
Phelps et
als.

The Senate report, on the petition of A. H. C. Phelps and others, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Beverly
Ins. Co.

The House report, on the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company, was accepted in concurrence.

Boston Mer-
chants' Ex-
change.

The House bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, December 2, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

State Offi-
cial Ins. Co.

Mr. Wright, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the State Official Insurance Company of Massachusetts; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the House.

Boston.

A bill to provide for a commission on the subject of drainage and water supply for the city of Boston and vicinity (in a new draft) was read and ordered to a second reading.

General
Statutes.

A resolve in relation to the new stereotype plates of the General Statutes was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mass.
Bonds.

A bill to provide for the issue of bonds in lieu of lost or destroyed bonds of this Commonwealth; and

Resolves.

Resolves,

Relating to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes and supplements;

In favor of Wright and Potter, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Walter
Baker.

A petition of Walter Baker for compensation for military service performed during the late fire in Boston was referred to the committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to enable the city of Boston to make and issue bonds for certain purposes, was read a third time, and certain amendments being proposed thereto by Mr. Jacobs, the same were rejected, and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 3, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

An engrossed bill in relation to the compensation of receivers of insolvent insurance companies (which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Receivers of
insolvent
insurance
companies.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the resolve in relation to the new stereotype plates of the General Statutes, reported that the same ought to pass; and the bill was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

General
Statutes.

Papers from the House.

A bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Buildings in
Boston.

A resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to prepare and report at the opening of the next Legislature, a statement of the standing and condition, assets and liabilities of fire insurance companies, was read and referred in concurrence, to the joint special committee on Insurance.

Insurance
Commis-
sioner.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the extension of railroad tracks into the burned district of the city of Boston and vicinity, was further considered and referred to the next general court.

Railroad
tracks.

The report on the mileage of the members of the Senate was accepted and the order accordingly adopted.

Mileage.

The bill to provide for a commission on the subject of drainage and water supply for the city of Boston and vicinity, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Drainage in
Boston.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 4, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Bonds of the
Common-
wealth.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the bill to provide for the issue of bonds in lieu of lost or destroyed bonds of this Commonwealth; and

The resolves

General
Statutes and
Supple-
ments.
Wright &
Potter.

Relating to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes and supplements;

In favor of Wright and Potter, severally without amendment; and the same were read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Building
Act.

Mr. Fuller presented a remonstrance of Cyrus Wakefield and others; and

Mr. Frost, the remonstrances of

Jonathan Preston and others;

R. H. Stearns and others; and

Eben B. Phillips and others, severally against the passage of the bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston.

Severally laid on the table.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in addition to an act for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and preservation of life and property in Boston, was read a second time and passed over.

Drainage in
Boston.

The bill to provide for a commission on the subject of drainage and water supply for the city of Boston and vicinity, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Building
Act.

On motion of Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, the vote whereby the first named bill was passed over, was reconsidered, and the bill was then amended in section one, and pending the consideration of an amendment striking out section twenty-two, again passed over.

Paper from the House.

Horace
Greeley.

Resolutions relating to the death of Horace Greeley, were read and adopted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 5, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

A bill (from the House) to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River, was read and referred to the joint special committee on the Building Act in concurrence.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Boston Merchants' Exchange (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Boston Merchants' Exchange.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was further considered, the question being on an amendment striking out section 22. By leave of the Senate, the same was withdrawn. Building Act.

The bill was then amended in sections 7, 8, 11, 20 and 22 and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to incorporate the State Official Insurance Company of Massachusetts, was taken from the table and referred to the joint committee on Insurance. State Official Ins. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 6, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Boardman, on leave, introduced a bill to confirm certain acts done by S. Edwin Ireson as justice of the peace; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. S. Edwin Ireson.

Subsequently, the same senator reported the bill without amendment, and it was read twice under a suspension of the rule and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Salem.

Mr. Torrey moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River was referred to the joint special committee on the Building Act; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston.

An engrossed bill to enable the city of Boston to make and issue its bonds for certain purposes (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted.

Building
Act.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, was read a third time.

Mr. Torrey proposed an amendment, striking out the word "sixty" in the second line of section 20, and inserting the word "fifty-five" instead thereof; and the question on the adoption of this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Ames,	Carpenter,	Coe,
Hewes,	Lobdell,	Long,
Boardman,	Parsons,	Richardson,
Safford,	Torrey,	Woods,
Wright.—13.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bradley,	Brewster,
Frost,	Fuller,	Giles,
Griggs,	Learnard,	Pike,
Potter,	Sheldon,	Tarbox,
Wakefield,	Whitney, J. S.—14.	

So the amendment was rejected and the bill as heretofore amended, passed to be engrossed.

Mr. Frost moved to suspend the rule requiring the bill to remain in the possession of the Clerk till the right of reconsideration expires; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Frost,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griggs,	Jacobs,
Learnard,	Whitney, J. S.,	Wright.—9.

NAYS.—Messrs. Ames,	Boardman,	Bradley,
Carpenter,	Coe,	Hewes,
Lobdell,	Long,	Parsons,
Pike,	Richardson,	Safford,
Sheldon,	Tarbox,	Torrey,
Wakefield,	Woods.—17.	

So the Senate refused to suspend the rule.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 7, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The bill to enable the city of Boston to make and issue its bonds for certain purposes was laid before the Governor for his approval. Boston,
bonds of.

Papers from the House.

A bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston came up concurred, with certain amendments; and the Senate non-concurred therein, and the bill was returned to the House. Boston,
grade in.

A bill to authorize the Old South Society to lease real estate (on the petition of said society) was read and ordered to a second reading. Old South
Society.

Mr. Sheldon, in behalf of certain members of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, presented a minority report on the same subject; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Walter
Baker et als.

A report of the committee on Military Affairs, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of Walter Baker, was accepted in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River, was carried in the affirmative; and the same was referred to the committee on Harbors. Salem.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

A bill (from the House) to amend the 161st chapter of the acts of the year 1864 relative to assessment of mutual fire insurance companies, was read and referred in concurrence to the joint special committee on Insurance. Mut. Fire
Ins. Coa.

On motion, the vote whereby the bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and thereupon Mr. Torrey moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the Senate refused to strike from the 20th section the word "sixty" and insert the word "fifty-five"; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:— Building
Act.

YEAS. —Messrs. Ames, Hewes, Long, Torrey,	Boardman, Jacobs, Noble, Woodwell,	Carpenter, Lobdell, Richardson, Wright.—12.
NAYS. —Messrs. Baker, Giles, Potter, Tarbox, Whitney, J. S.—13.	Frost, Johnson, Safford, Wakefield,	Fuller, Pike, Sheldon, Wallace,

So the Senate refused to reconsider, and the bill as there-
 fore amended, again passed to be engrossed in concu-
 rence with the amendments, which were sent down for
 concurrence.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns,
 it be to meet on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 10, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which origi-
 nated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To amend the charter of the Emigrant Savings Bank.

To provide a commission on the subject of drainage and
 water supply for the city of Boston and vicinity.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Wright and Potter
 (which originated in the House) passed and with the
 above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his
 approval.

Emigrant
Sav. Bank.
Drainage,
&c., for
Boston.
Wright &
Potter.

State Off.
cial Ins. Co.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the joint special com-
 mittee on Insurance, on the bill to incorporate the State
 Official Insurance Company, reported, asking to be dis-
 charged from the further consideration thereof, and that
 the same be referred to the next general court; and the
 report being considered, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Senate
chamber.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to
 cause to be erected at the north entrances to the Senate
 chamber such protection as he may deem to be necessary
 to prevent the draughts of cold air from entering the
 chamber during the frequent opening of the doors.

*Papers from the House.***Bills,****•Bills.**

To confirm certain acts of the Turner's Falls Fire District in the town of Montague (on the petition of Nathaniel Gilmore and others) ;

To incorporate cities and towns into mutual fire insurance companies at their election (in a new draft) ; and

A resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to prepare and report at the opening of the next Legislature a statement of the standing and condition, assets and liabilities of insurance companies (in a new draft) were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Insurance Commissioner.

The Senate bill to empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases to mortgage real estate came up concurred with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

Real estate.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the Old South Society to lease real estate, was read a second time, amended, on motion of Messrs. Whitney of Norfolk and Safford ; and the question on ordering the same to a third reading, was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

Old South Society.

YEAS. —Messrs. Ames,	Bartholomew,	Bradley,
Coe,	Frost,	Giles,
Griggs,	Jacobs,	Learnard,
Long,	Potter,	Safford,
Stickney,	Torrey,	Whitney, J. S.,
Woods,	Woodwell.—17.	
NAYS. —Messrs. Boardman,	Hewes,	Humphrey,
Noble,	Pike,	Sheldon,
Wakefield,	Wright.—8.	

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

A report (from the House) of the joint committee on Insurance, referring the petition of Albert Morgan and others to the next general court, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A. Morgan et als.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the House) passed and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Resolves passed and laid before the Governor.

Relating to the stereotype plates of the General Statutes and supplements.

In relation to the new stereotype plates of the General Statutes.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 11, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mut. Fire
Ins. Cos.

Mr. Whitney, from the joint special committee on Insurance, on the bill to amend the 161st chapter of the acts of the year 1864 relative to assessments of mutual fire insurance companies, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to a joint special committee to consist of the committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and House; and said report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

*Papers from the House.*Building
Act.

The bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the better preservation of life and property in Boston, came up concurred in the amendments proposed thereto by the Senate, with the exception of that in section 20, in relation to the height of buildings to be erected, which was adopted in concurrence, with an amendment limiting the height of buildings to be erected to seventy-five feet, exclusive of chimneys and party-walls; and the amendment proposed by the House was adopted in concurrence.

Grade in
Boston.

The Senate bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston, came up, and the House insists on its amendments therein; and the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence, and Messrs. Torrey, Boardman and Wright were appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Flags and
army regis-
ters.

A resolution concerning the proposition of Senator Sumner in relation to flags and army registers, was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations in concurrence.

Salem.

Mr. Frost, from the committee on Harbors, on the bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River, reported that the same ought to pass with certain amendments; and the bill was ordered to a second reading.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to incorporate cities and towns into mutual fire insurance companies at their election, was laid on the table. Mutual Fire Ins. Coa.

The bill to confirm certain acts of the Turner's Falls Fire District in the town of Montague; and Turner's Falls Fire District.

The resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to prepare and report at the opening of the next Legislature, a statement of the standing and condition, assets and liabilities of fire insurance companies, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Insurance Commissioner.

The House report, on the petition of Albert Morgan and others, was accepted in concurrence. A. Morgan et als.

The bill to authorize the Old South Society to lease real estate, was read a third time. Mr. Richardson proposed an amendment to the second section, as follows:— Old South Society.

Strike out in the last line but one, and insert after the word "voting" the words "either personally or by proxy."

And the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman, Jacobs, Richardson, Torrey,	Coe, Noble, Sheldon, Wakefield,	Humphrey, Pike, Smith, Whitney, J. S.—12.
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NAYS.—Messrs. Bradley, Giles, Learnard, Potter, Whitney, B. D., Wright.—16.	Frost, Griggs, Long, Safford, Woods,	Fuller, Johnson, Parsons, Wallace, Woodwell,
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So the amendment was rejected and the bill was passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment heretofore adopted, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, December 12, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:— Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To empower probate courts to authorize trustees in certain cases, to mortgage real estate held in trust.

To confirm certain acts done by S. Edwin Ireson as justice of the peace.

To provide for the issue of bonds in lieu of lost or destroyed bonds by the Commonwealth.

To authorize the Old South Society to lease real estate.

Insurance
companies.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the joint special committee on Insurance, on the bill concerning insurance companies, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, on the bill to amend the first section of chapter 224 of the acts of the year 1862, to levy taxes on certain insurance companies, reported that the further consideration thereof be referred to the next general court; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Salem.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River, was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on Harbors, and ordered to a third reading.

Turner's
Falls Fire
District.

The House bill to confirm certain acts of the Turner's Falls Fire District in the town of Montague, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Insurance
Commissioner.

The House resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to report a tabular statement of the standing and condition of fire insurance corporations to the next Legislature, was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Salem.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River, was read a third time, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, December 13, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Wakefield, from the committee consisting of the committees on the Judiciary of Senate and House, on the bill to amend the 161st chapter of the acts of 1864, relating to assessments of mutual insurance companies, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Mutual Ins.
Co's.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Ordered, That the commissioner on Insurance be requested to obtain, as far as may be practicable, and furnish for the information of the Legislature of 1873, statistics showing the dividends of all Massachusetts fire and marine insurance companies for the last forty years, or since their organization up to the present time. Also, the amount received in premiums, and the amount of losses paid during the same period, by each. Also, the amount of capital which has been paid in and invested in insurance stock, which has been lost in whole or in part, in said business, with any other information upon the subject which he may deem to be of service to the Legislature.

Insurance
Commis'r.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses, in relation to amendments proposed by the House to the bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston, reported that after conference had, the committee had been unable to agree; and further they ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject; and the report was accepted, and on motion of the same senator, Messrs. Richardson, Carpenter and Johnson were appointed a new committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

Grade of
streets in
the city of
Boston.

Sent down for concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to amend section one of chapter 224 of the acts of 1862, to levy taxes on certain insurance companies, was referred to the next general court.

Insurance
companies.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill concerning insurance companies was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M..

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 14, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Building
Act.

An engrossed bill in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the better preservation of life and property in Boston (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted.

Insurance
Cos.

An engrossed resolve instructing the Insurance Commissioner to report a tabular statement of the standing and condition of fire insurance companies to the next Legislature (which originated in the House), passed and with the above-named bill, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Paper from the House.

Insurance
companies.

The Senate bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, came up concurred with certain amendments; and the same was ordered to be printed as amended by the House.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, December 16, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Bills enact-
ed and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To authorize the city of Salem to construct a street across South River.

To confirm certain acts of the Turner's Falls Fire District in the town of Montague.

John H.
Stark et al.

The petition of John H. Stark and others, came up non-concurred in the reference thereof to the committee on Insurance, and referred to the next general court; and

the Senate receded from its vote of reference, and concurred with the House.

Papers from the House.

A resolve in relation to the annual election sermon was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Election sermon.

A resolve fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature and the Chaplains of the same for the present extra session, was read three times under a suspension of the rule,—amended also in the title,—and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence. Legislature, compensation of members of.

Mr. Whitney of Norfolk, from the joint special committee on Insurance, on the petition of the New England Mutual Insurance Company, reported N. E. Mut. Ins. Co.

A bill to amend the charter of the New England Mutual Insurance Company; and the same was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Bartholomew,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M. Adjournment.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 17, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses, in relation to amendments proposed by the House in the Senate bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston, reported that the committee had been unable to agree; and the report was accepted. Grade of streets in the city of Boston.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Smith, from the joint special committee on Insurance, on the order relative to limiting the rates paid for insurance to those existing previous to the conflagration in Insurance rates.

the city of Boston, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Insurance
department.

A bill providing additional clerical assistance for the insurance department was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Insurance
companies.

The bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies, came up, and the House concurs in the amendments proposed by the Senate to the amendments of the House, with the exception of that at F, from which the Senate receded.

The House also proposed certain amendments in section 20, and the same were adopted in concurrence.

J. C. West
et al.

A petition of John C. West and others, that the town of Pittsfield may be incorporated as a city was referred, in concurrence, to the next general court.

Election
sermon.

An engrossed resolve in relation to the annual election sermon (which originated in the House) passed and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Papers from the House.

Mutual Fire
Ins. Co's.,
assessments
of.

The bill to repeal the second section of chapter 161 of the acts of the year 1864, in relation to the assessments of mutual fire insurance companies, came up concurred, with an amendment, which was non-concurred in by the Senate.

Legislature,
compensa-
tion of mem-
bers of.

The resolve fixing the compensation of the members of the Legislature and of the Chaplains of the same, for the present extra session, came up non-concurred in the amendments proposed by the Senate therein; and the Senate insisted on its amendments and the resolve was returned to the House.

Subsequently, the resolve came up and the House insists on its non-concurrence.

Thereupon, the Senate insisted on its amendments, and Messrs. Potter, Noble and Brewster were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to incorporate cities and towns into mutual fire insurance companies at their election was taken from the table and referred to the next general court.

Mutual Fire
Ins. Co's.,
cities and
towns incor-
porated.

Mr. Richardson, from the joint special committee on Insurance, on the petitions of

Petitions.

A. H. Bean and others ;
Elisha Whitney and others ;
Arthur W. Hobart and others ;
Samuel Gould and others ;
John P. Treadwell and others ;
Franklin Greene and others ;
George A. Curtis and others ;
Abraham Jackson and others ;
Albert Bowker and others ;
S. G. Rogers and others ;
T. H. Smith and others ; and

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, on the petitions of
The Neptune Fire and Marine Insurance Company ;

John C. Abbott and others ;
John A. Lowell and others ;
Joseph W. Balch and others ;
Henry Chapin and others ; and

Isaac Sweetzer and others, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and the reports being considered under a suspension of the rule, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Richardson, from the same committee, on the bills,

Bills.

To incorporate the Homestead Insurance Company ;

To increase the guarantee capital stock of the Traders' and Mechanics' Insurance Company ;

To incorporate the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company ;

To incorporate the Mechanics' Mutual Insurance Company, reported that said bills severally ought not to pass ; and these reports, being considered, under a suspension of the rule, were accepted and the bills accordingly rejected.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourn-
ment.

A report from the House, of the second committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, in relation to the bill to establish a grade in the city of Bos-

Grade of
streets in
the city of
Boston.

ton, came up concurred in the acceptance thereof, and Messrs. Thompson of Gloucester, Gleason of Stow, and Scribner of Lowell, are appointed a third committee of conference on the subject.

Thereupon, Messrs. Bartholomew, Woods and Wallace were appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, December 18, 1872.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Charles F. Shimmin.

A bill to confirm certain acts done by Charles F. Shimmin as a justice of the peace, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Grade for streets in the city of Boston.

A report of the third committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses, in relation to the bill to establish a grade in the city of Boston, the same recommending that the House recede from its amendments therein, was accepted in concurrence.

Insurance department.

An engrossed bill to provide additional clerical assistance in the insurance department (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Charles F. Shimmin.

Mr. Richardson, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to confirm certain acts done by Charles F. Shimmin as justice of the peace, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Insurance companies.

An engrossed bill to authorize the formation of insurance companies (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Papers from the House.

Army registers and national flags.

A resolution relating to the bill pending in Congress, concerning the army registers and the national flags was read.

Whereupon, Mr. Fuller moved the indefinite postponement of the same; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

<p>YEAS.—Messrs. Baker, Hewes, Johnson, Potter, Whitney, J. S.,</p>	<p>Boardman, Humphrey, Long, Smith, Woodwell.—14.</p>	<p>Fuller, Jacobs, Noble, Tarbox,</p>
<p>NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Brewster, Frost, Learnard, Pike, Sheldon, Woods.—19.</p>	<p>Bartholomew, Carpenter, Giles, Lobdell, Richardson, Stickney,</p>	<p>Bradley, Coe, Griggs, Parsons, Safford, Torrey,</p>

So the motion was lost.

The same senator thereupon moved to refer the same to the next general court; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

<p>YEAS.—Messrs. Boardman, Humphrey, Noble, Woodwell.—10.</p>	<p>Fuller, Jacobs, Smith,</p>	<p>Hewes, Johnson, Whitney, J. S.,</p>
<p>NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Bradley, Coe, Griggs, Long, Potter, Sheldon, Torrey,</p>	<p>Baker, Brewster, Frost, Learnard, Parsons, Richardson, Stickney, Woods.—23.</p>	<p>Bartholomew, Carpenter, Giles, Lobdell, Pike, Safford, Tarbox,</p>

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Potter proposed a substitute, which, after being considered, was rejected by the following vote, to wit:—

<p>YEAS.—Messrs. Fuller, Noble, Whitney, J. S.—7.</p>	<p>Hewes, Potter,</p>	<p>Long, Smith,</p>
<p>NAYS.—Messrs. Ames, Bradley, Coe, Jacobs, Lobdell, Richardson, Stickney, Woods,</p>	<p>Bartholomew, Brewster, Frost, Johnson, Parsons, Safford, Tarbox, Woodwell.—23.</p>	<p>Boardman, Carpenter, Giles, Learnard, Pike, Sheldon, Torrey,</p>

The question then recurring on the passage of the resolution, it was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:—

<p>YEAS.—Messrs. Ames, Brewster, Frost, Learnard, Pike,</p>	<p>Bartholomew, Carpenter, Giles, Lobdell, Richardson,</p>	<p>Bradley, Coe, Johnson, Parsons, Safford,</p>
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YEAS.—Messrs. Sheldon,
Woods,

Stickney,
Woodwell.—20.

Torrey,

NAYS.—Messrs. Boardman,
Long,
Smith,

Fuller,
Noble,
Tarbox,

Jacobs,
Potter,
Whitney, J. S.—9.

So the resolve passed in concurrence.

Compensation of members of the Legislature.

The resolve fixing the compensation of members of the Legislature and of the chaplains of the same for the present session, came up, and the House recedes from its non-concurrence in the Senate amendment therein.

Appropriations.

A bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of members of the Senate and House of Representatives at the extra session was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Door-keepers et als. of Senate and House—compensation of.

A resolve providing additional compensation for the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, was read three times under a suspension of the rule amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To repeal the second section of chapter 161 of the acts of the year 1864, in relation to the assessments of mutual fire insurance companies.

To establish a grade in the city of Boston.

To amend the charter of the New England Mutual Insurance Company.

To confirm certain acts done by Charles F. Shimmin as justice of the peace.

Making appropriations for mileage and compensation of members of the Legislature for the extra session.

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Fixing the compensation of the members of the Legislature, the Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Providing additional compensation for the door-keepers, assistant door-keepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay-roll of the Senate for the present extra session of the general court. Pay-roll of the Senate.

Subsequently, the Clerk having reported the same, it was

Ordered. That there be allowed and paid to the members of the Senate whose names are borne on the accompanying roll, the sums set against their names respectively, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of eight thousand two hundred dollars, and that a warrant be drawn accordingly.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Bacon of Lawrence, Ware of Belmont, Wright of Boston, Hall of New Bedford, Norton of Westfield and Toland of Boston, with such as the Senate may join, be a committee to wait upon His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the two branches have passed upon the questions included in his address at the opening of the session, and to request him by and with the advice of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next. Prorogation.

And Messrs. Fuller, Smith and Sheldon were joined on the part of the Senate.

Subsequently, Mr. Fuller, from the above-named committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would communicate with the two branches of the Legislature, forthwith.

Soon after, the Secretary came in with a message from the Governor, announcing that he had signed twenty bills and seven resolves, all that had been passed by the Legislature; and that he congratulated the members of the general court upon their faithfulness in the discharge of the duties imposed upon them at the special session.

The Secretary further informed the Senate, that in accordance with the request of the two branches of the general court, it was his pleasure, by and with the advice of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next.

And the general court was prorogued accordingly.

Attest:

STEPHEN N. GIFFORD,
Clerk of the Senate.

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At a General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts begun and holden at Boston on the first Wednesday, being the first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, and the ninety-seventh of the independence of the United States of America, the following named members elect of the Senate, having been duly summoned by the Executive, appeared, to wit :—

Messrs. Henry S. Washburn, . . .	in the First	} Suffolk Districts.
Martin Griffin, . . .	Second	
Francis W. Jacobs, . . .	Third	
Julius K. Banister, . . .	Fourth	
William H. Learnard, Jr., . . .	Fifth	
and Robert Johnson, . . .	Sixth	
Messrs. George D. Whittle, . . .	in the First	} Essex Districts.
George B. Loring, . . .	Second	
Nathan W. Harmon, . . .	Third	
David T. Woodwell . . .	Fourth	
and Newell Giles, . . .	Fifth	
Messrs. Edward Lawrence, . . .	in the First	} Middlesex Districts.
Joseph S. Potter, . . .	Second	
Robert O. Fuller, . . .	Third	
Newton Morse, . . .	Fourth	
Levi Wallace, . . .	Fifth	
Carroll D. Wright, . . .	Sixth	
Jeremiah Clark, . . .	Seventh	
Messrs. G. F. Thompson, . . .	in the First	} Worcester Districts.
Samuel M. Griggs, . . .	Second	
Henry L. Bancroft, . . .	Third	
N. L. Johnson, . . .	Fourth	
and George A. Torrey, . . .	Fifth	
Messrs. Timothy F. Packard, . . .	in the First	} Hampden Districts.
and William Whiting, . . .	Second	

Messrs. Rufus D. Woods, . . .	in the Hampshire	} <i>Districts.</i>
John D. Todd, . . .	Franklin	
Edward Learned, . . .	Berkshire	
and Prentiss C. Baird, . . .	Berkshire and Hampshire	
Messrs. Moody Merrill, . . .	in the First	} <i>Norfolk Districts.</i>
Charles H. French, . . .	Second	
and Erastus P. Carpenter, . . .	Third	
Messrs. James Brown, . . .	in the First	} <i>Bristol Districts.</i>
Isaac H. Coe, . . .	Second	
and Charles P. Stickney, . . .	Third	
Messrs. George W. Lobdell, . . .	in the First	} <i>Plymouth Districts.</i>
Lloyd Parsons, . . .	Second	
and Jedediah Dwelley, . . .	Norfolk and Plymouth	} <i>District.</i>
Messrs. Joseph K. Baker, . . .	in the Cape	
and Francis A. Nye, . . .	Island	} <i>Districts.</i>

And were called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M., by the Hon. Martin Griffin, senior member elect.

Quorum.

Whereupon, Messrs. Potter, Harmon and Jacobs were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and inform him that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and ready to be qualified.

Subsequently, Mr. Potter from the above-named committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he would forthwith attend upon the Senate for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the members elect thereof.

Soon after, the Governor and Council came in, and the Senators elect severally took and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution of the Commonwealth and a law of the United States, to qualify them to discharge their duties as Senators for the current political year.

The Governor and Council thereupon withdrew.

President.

On motion, Messrs. Johnson of Suffolk, Griggs and Whittle were appointed a committee to receive, assort and count the votes for President of the Senate.

And the votes having been received, assorted and counted it appeared that the Hon. George B. Loring of the Second Essex District was chosen; and Mr. Loring having been conducted to the chair by Messrs. Banister and Thompson, signified his acceptance of the office and entered upon the discharge of its duties.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to receive, as- Clerk.
sort and count the votes for Clerk of the Senate.

And Messrs. Parsons, Wright and Nye were appointed said committee.

Subsequently, Mr. Parsons from the committee, submitted a report by which it appeared that Stephen N. Gifford of Duxbury, was elected.

And he being present was qualified by taking the following oath :—

You, Stephen N. Gifford, Clerk of the Senate, do solemnly swear that you will faithfully and impartially enter all the votes and proceedings of the Senate, and that in all things relating to your office, you will act faithfully and impartially, according to your best skill and judgment. So help you God.

And you further swear to support the Constitution of the United States. So help you God.

On motion, Messrs. Washburn, Learned and Stickney were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and Council and inform them of the organization of the Senate.

On motion, Messrs. Learnard and French were charged with a similar message to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Woods,—

Ordered, That the Senate proceed forthwith to the election of Sergeant-at-Arms. Sergeant-at-Arms.

And Messrs. Woods, Wallace and Giles were appointed a committee to collect, assort and count the votes therefor.

And the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that the Hon. John Morissey was chosen.

And Messrs. Morse and Wright were appointed a committee to inform the House of Representatives of the election of Mr. Morissey.

On motion, it was ordered that the Senate proceed Chaplain.
forthwith to the election of Chaplain of the Senate, and Messrs. Lobdell, Coe and Clark were appointed a committee to collect, assort and count the votes therefor.

Subsequently, Mr. Lobdell from said committee, submitted a report by which it appeared that Rev. Edward Abbott was re-elected, and on motion of Mr. Coe, the Clerk was directed to notify that gentleman of his election.

Rules and Orders. On motion of Mr. Learnard,—
Ordered, That the rules and orders of the Senate of last year be observed until otherwise ordered.

Joint Rules and Orders. On motion of Mr. Torrey,—
Ordered, That the joint rules and orders of the two branches of last year be observed until otherwise ordered.

Newspapers. On motion of Mr. Banister,—
Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to furnish daily newspapers not exceeding ten in number, to be kept under his direction, for the use of the members of the Senate.

Seats. On motion of Mr. Torrey,—
Ordered, That a committee be appointed to arrange the seats of members of the Senate.

And Messrs. Torrey, Johnson of Suffolk and Carpenter were appointed said committee.

House of Representatives. A communication was received from the House of Representatives, announcing the organization of that branch by the choice of Hon. John E. Sanford, of Taunton, as Speaker, and Charles H. Taylor, of Somerville, as Clerk.

Sergeant-at-Arms. A communication was received from the House of Representatives announcing the election on its part, of Hon. John Morrissey as Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rules and Orders. On motion of Mr. Wright,—
 Messrs. Wright, Torrey, Brown, Johnson of Worcester and Baird were appointed a committee to prepare rules and orders for the government of the Senate.

Joint Rules and Orders. On motion of Mr. Torrey,—
Ordered, That a joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate with such as the House may join, be appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the two branches.

And Messrs. Torrey, Wright and Brown were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Phillips of Salem, Bacon of Lawrence, Sanger of Cambridge, Codman of Boston, Ladd of Springfield, Barker of Pittsfield, Hoyt of Athol and Breed of Lynn are joined.

Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, &c. The Secretary of the Commonwealth came in and laid upon the table the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth, Treas-

urer and Receiver-General, Auditor and Attorney-General.

And said returns were referred to a joint special committee, to consist of Messrs. Lawrence, Giles, Todd, Baker and Dwelley of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Codman of Boston, Fairbanks of Fall River, Sargent of Lawrence, Mason of Plymouth, Thayer of North Bridgewater, Mayhew of Tisbury, Wilson of Boston, Porter of Beverly and Crocker of Boston are joined.

The Secretary also laid upon the table the returns of ^{Councillors.} votes for Councillors in the several Councillor Districts of the Commonwealth, and the same were referred to a joint special committee, consisting of Messrs. Fuller, Packard and Bancroft of the Senate, with such as the House may join.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Fitzgerald of Boston, Davis of Lawrence, Hanson of Peabody, Derby of Charlestown, Creesy of Salem, Evans of Everett, Goddard of Peterham, Bardwell of Deerfield and Dewey of Egremont are joined.

The Secretary also laid upon the table the returns of ^{Senators.} votes for Senators in the several Senatorial Districts of the Commonwealth, and the same were referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Merrill, Todd, Morse, Harmon and Clark.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Worcester,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet ^{Adjourn-} to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that that be the hour ^{ment.} of meeting until otherwise ordered.

On motion, Messrs. Coe, Clark and Bancroft, were appointed a committee to be joined, to wait upon the Governor and Council, and inform them that the branches are now ready to attend public worship. ^{Public wor-} ^{ship.}

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Breed of Lynn, Hill of Boston, McDaniel of Cambridge, Black of Taunton, and Judd of Lee are joined.

Subsequently, Mr. Coe from the above-named committee reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them,

and that the Governor was pleased to say that he, with the Lieutenant-Governor and Council, would join the two branches forthwith in attendance upon public worship.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 2, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Torrey from the special committee appointed for the purpose, reported the following

Arrangement of Seats.

CHAIR.

Right.

1. MARTIN GRIFFIN.
2. CHARLES P. STICKNEY.
3. RUFUS D. WOODS.
4. ROBERT JOHNSON.
5. LEVI WALLACE.
6. LLOYD PARSONS.
7. ROBERT O. FULLER.
8. FRANCIS W. JACOBS.
9. NEWELL GILES.
10. CHARLES H. FRENCH.
11. NATHAN W. HARMON.
12. N. L. JOHNSON.
13. EDWARD LAWRENCE.
14. JEREMIAH CLARK.
15. JEDEDIAH DWELLEY.
16. FRANCIS A. NYE.
17. NEWTON MORSE.
18. JULIUS K. BANISTER.
19. JOHN D. TODD.
20. WILLIAM WHITING.

Left.

1. TIMOTHY F. PACKARD.
2. SAMUEL M. GRIGGS.
3. JOSEPH S. POTTER.
4. ISAAC H. COE.
5. DAVID T. WOODWELL.
6. JOSEPH K. BAKER.
7. GEORGE W. LOBDELL.
8. GEORGE A. TORREY.
9. EUSTAS P. CARPENTER.
10. CARROLL D. WRIGHT.
11. WM. H. LEARNARD, JR.
12. GEORGE F. THOMPSON.
13. EDWARD LEARNED.
14. JAMES BROWN.
15. MOODY MERRILL.
16. HENRY S. WASHBURN.
17. PRENTISS C. BAIRD.
18. HENRY L. BANCROFT.
19. GEORGE D. WHITTLE.

And the report was accepted.

Governor,
Lieutenant-
Governor,
&c.

Mr. Lawrence from the joint special committee, to whom was referred the returns of votes for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor and other state officers, submitted a report thereon, as follows:—

It appears by said returns that

For Governor.

WILLIAM B. WASHBURN, of Greenfield, has one hundred thirty-three thousand and nine hundred votes.

FRANCIS W. BIRD, of Walpole, has fifty-nine thousand six hundred and twenty-six votes.

All others have two hundred and fifty-four.

For Lieutenant-Governor.

THOMAS TALBOT, of Billerica, has one hundred thirty-four thousand and fifty-nine votes.

WILLIAM L. SMITH, of Springfield, has sixty thousand one hundred and thirty votes.

All others have sixty-eight votes.

For Secretary of the Commonwealth.

OLIVER WARNER, of Northampton, has one hundred thirty-four thousand four hundred and sixty-seven votes.

GEORGE H. MUNROE, of Boston, has sixty thousand one hundred and thirteen votes.

All others have twenty-five votes.

For Treasurer and Receiver-General.

CHARLES ADAMS, Jr., of North Brookfield, has one hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and eighty-four votes.

LEVI HEYWOOD, of Gardner, has sixty thousand two hundred and fourteen votes.

All others have twelve votes.

For Auditor of Accounts.

CHARLES ENDICOTT, of Canton, has one hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and fifty votes.

PATRICK A. COLLINS, of Boston, has fifty-nine thousand nine hundred and eighty-six votes.

All others have twenty-five.

For Attorney-General.

CHARLES R. TRAIN, of Boston, has one hundred and thirty-three thousand five hundred eighty-four votes.

WALDO COLBURN, of Dedham, has sixty thousand one hundred and sixty-five votes.

P. EMORY ALDRICH, of Worcester, has one hundred and ninety-four votes.

All others have one hundred and four.

And the following named persons appear to be duly elected:—

Governor,—WILLIAM B. WASHBURN, of Greenfield.

Lieutenant-Governor,—THOMAS TALBOT, of Billerica.

Secretary of the Commonwealth,—OLIVER WARNER, of Northampton.

Treasurer and Receiver-General,—CHARLES ADAMS, Jr.,
of North Brookfield.

Auditor of Accounts,—CHARLES ENDICOTT, of Canton.

Attorney-General,—CHARLES R. TRAIN, of Boston,

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence,

Came up concurred.

Councillors. Mr. Fuller, from the joint special committee to whom
was committed the returns of votes for Councillors in the
several Councillor Districts of the Commonwealth, sub-
mitted a report thereon, by which it appeared that the fol-
lowing named gentlemen were elected in their respective
districts, to wit:—

District No. 1, ALFRED MACY, of Nantucket.

“ 2, SETH TURNER, of Randolph.

“ 8, MILO HILDRETH, of Northborough.

“ 4, RUFUS S. FROST, of Chelsea.

“ 5, DANIEL H. STICKNEY, of Groveland.

“ 6, JONATHAN B. WINN, of Woburn.

“ 7, GEORGE WHITNEY, of Royalston.

“ 8, EDWIN CHASE, of Holyoke.

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Griffin,—

Governor. *Ordered*, That a committee be appointed, to be joined,
to inform the Hon. William B. Washburn that he has been
elected in the manner prescribed by the constitution, Gov-
ernor of the Commonwealth, for the current political year,
and that the Legislature will be ready to attend upon
him in taking and subscribing the oaths required by the
constitution to qualify him for the discharge of the duties
of the office, at such hour as may suit his convenience; also

Lieutenant-Governor. To inform the Hon. Thomas Talbot that he has been
duly elected Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth
for the current political year, and that the Legislature will
attend upon him in taking and subscribing the oaths re-
quired by the constitution to qualify him for the discharge
of the duties of the office, at such hour as may suit his
convenience.

And Messrs. Griffin, Whittle and Larnard, were ap-
pointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

And Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Phillips of Salem, Hayes of Boston, Moore of Concord, McDaniel of Cambridge, Sanford of Attleborough, and Seaver of Taunton are joined.

Subsequently, Mr. Griffin from the above-named committee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that the Governor was pleased to say that he, with the Lieutenant-Governor, would attend forthwith upon the Legislature for the purpose of taking and subscribing the oaths of office, at such hour this day as may be designated by the two branches.

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

A message was received from the House proposing a Convention. convention of the two branches forthwith, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect.

And the Senate concurred in the proposition of the House; and the Clerk was charged with a message informing that branch thereof.

And, pursuant to assignment, the two branches met in

Convention,

For the purpose above specified, and Messrs. Washburn, Stickney and Todd of the Senate, and Messrs. Sanger of Cambridge, Hall of New Bedford, Stedman of Boston, Bagg of West Springfield, Gates of Worcester, Watson of Lowell and Mason of Plymouth, of the House, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in convention for the purpose of administering the oaths of office required by the constitution and a law of the United States, to qualify them for the discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

Soon after, the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor elect came in, and severally took and subscribed the required oaths of office. Governor and Lieutenant-Governor.

And the Governor thereupon submitted to the two Houses an address upon the general concerns of the Commonwealth.

The two branches separated.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter,—

Governor's
Address.

Ordered, That 10,000 extra copies of the Governor's address be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Councillors.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to Messrs. Alfred Macy, Seth Turner, Milo Hildreth, Rufus S. Frost, Daniel H. Stickney, Jonathan B. Winn, George Whitney and Edwin Chase, that they have been duly elected Councillors, to advise the Governor in the executive part of the government, for the current political year.

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Subsequently, a communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth announcing that a quorum of the Councillors elect had signified their acceptance of the office, and were ready to be qualified.

Convention.

On motion of Mr. Woods, a message was sent to the House of Representatives proposing a convention of both branches forthwith, for the purpose of qualifying such Councillors elect as may have signified their acceptance of the office.

Subsequently, a message was received from the House, announcing its concurrence in the proposition.

And pursuant to assignment the two branches met in

Convention,

For the purpose specified, and Messrs. Coe and Parsons of the Senate and Messrs. Blunt of Haverhill, Breed of Lynn, Sears of Barnstable, Hanson of Peabody and Higgins of Orleans, were appointed a committee to wait upon the Councillors elect, and inform them that the two branches are now in convention for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to them.

Soon after, the Councillors elect came in and severally took and subscribed the required oaths of office.

The two branches separated.

Councillors.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary of the Commonwealth give notice to the Governor that Messrs. Alfred Macy, Seth Turner, Milo Hildreth, Rufus S. Frost, Daniel H. Stickney, Jonathan B. Winn, George Whitney and Edwin Chase have been duly elected and qualified as Councillors to advise him in the executive part of the government for the current political year.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Potter;—

Ordered, That after this date and until otherwise or-
 dered, the hour for the commencement of the daily ses-
 sions of the Senate shall be 2 o'clock, P. M., except
 Saturdays, when it shall be 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. Woods,—

Ordered, That a joint special committee be appointed
 to consider and report what disposition shall be made of
 the several portions of the Governor's address.

And Messrs. Woods, Torrey and Harmon were appointed
 the committee on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Fair-
 banks of Fall River, Hoyt of Athol, Codman of Boston,
 Plunkett of Adams, Phillips of Salem, Benton of Brook-
 line, Bacon of Lawrence and Ladd of Springfield are
 joined.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 3, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Merrill, from the committee to whom was commit-
 ted the returns of votes for Senators in the several Sena-
 torial Districts of the Commonwealth, submitted a report
 thereon, by which it appears that the following named
 gentlemen were elected in their respective districts, to
 wit:—

Hon. Messrs. Henry S. Washburn, of Boston,	. in the First	} Suffolk Districts.
Martin Griffin, of Boston, . . .	Second	
Francis W. Jacobs, of Boston, . .	Third	
Julius K. Banister, of Boston, . .	Fourth	
Wm. H. Larnard, Jr., of Boston, . .	Fifth	
Robert Johnson, of Boston, . . .	Sixth	
Hon. Messrs. George D. Whittle, of Lynn, . .	. in the First	} Essex Districts.
George B. Loring, of Salem, . . .	Second	
Nathan W. Harmon, of Lawrence. . .	Third	
David T. Woodwell, of Newburyport, . .	Fourth	
and Newell Giles, of Rockport, . . .	Fifth	
Hon. Messrs. Edward Lawrence, of Charlestown, . .	. in the First	} Middlesex Districts.
Joseph B. Potter, of Arlington . . .	Second	
Robert O. Fuller, of Cambridge, . .	Third	
Newton Morse, of Natick,	Fourth	
Levi Wallace, of Pepperell,	Fifth	
Carroll D. Wright, of Reading, . . .	Sixth	
and Jeremiah Clark, of Lowell, . . .	Seventh	

Hon. Messrs. G. F. Thompson, of Worcester,	. in the First	} Worcester Districts.
Samuel M. Griggs, of Westborough,	. Second	
Henry L. Bancroft, of Millbury,	. Third	
N. L. Johnson, of Dana,	. Fourth	
and George A. Torrey, of Fitchburg,	. Fifth	
Hon. Messrs. Timothy F. Packard, of Monson,	. in the First	} Hampden Districts.
and William Whiting, of Holyoke,	. Second	
Hon. Messrs. Rufus D. Woods, of Enfield,	. in the H'pshire	} Districts.
John D. Todd, of Conway,	. Franklin	
Edward Learned, of Pittsfield,	. B'kshire	
and Prentiss C. Baird, of Lee,	. B'kshire	
	and Hampshire	
Hon. Messrs. Moody Merrill, of Boston,	. in the First	} Norfolk Districts.
Charles H. French, of Canton,	. Second	
and Erastus P. Carpenter, of Foxborough,	. Third	
Hon. Messrs. George W. Lobdell, of Mattapoisett,	. in the First	} Plymouth Districts.
Lloyd Parsona, of Bridgewater,	. Second	
and Jedediah Dwelley, of Hanover,	. Norfolk	
	and Plymouth	
Hon. Messrs. James Brown, of Taunton,	. in the First	} Bristol Districts.
Isaac H. Coe, of New Bedford,	. Second	
and Charles P. Stickney, of Fall River,	. Third	
Hon. Messrs. Joseph K. Baker, of Dennis,	. in the Cape	} Districts.
and Francis A. Nye, of Falmouth,	. Island	

And the report was accepted.

Report of
cattle com-
missioners.

Mr. Woods presented the annual report of the Commissioners on contagious diseases among the cattle, and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the House.

Insurance
companies
of Mass.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Insurance Commissioner be authorized to submit in print the tabular statements of the standing and condition of the fire insurance companies in Massachusetts, as required by a Resolve passed at the recent special session of Legislature of 1872.

Joint Rules
and Orders.

A report of the joint special committee appointed to prepare joint rules and orders for the government of the two branches, came up, the same recommending the adoption of the rules and orders of last year, with the following amendments, to wit:—

In rule 1, strike out the words "committee on Harbors" and add after the words mercantile affairs, the words "and harbors."

Also by inserting after the last-named words, "a committee on Water Supply and Drainage."

Also by inserting after the word "except," the words, "the committee on Mercantile Affairs and Harbors," "the committee on Prisons."

Also insert a new rule, as follows :—

Rule 4. Whenever a report is made from any committee, to either House, and the subject-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a joint committee, such committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report is made.

Also insert a new rule, as follows :—

Rule 5. Whenever upon any application for an act of incorporation or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought, can be secured under general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred, shall in all cases, report leave to withdraw or inexpedient to legislate.

Amend rule 16, by striking therefrom the words, "three-fourths," and inserting the words, "four-fifths."

Insert a new rule as follows :—

Rule 17. Joint committees shall make final reports upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time is granted for cause.

And the report was amended by striking out the first amendment proposed to rule 1, and as amended, accepted in concurrence, and sent down for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Woods, from the joint special committee appointed to consider and report what disposition should be made of the several portions of the Governor's address, submitted a report thereon embodying certain orders in relation thereto; and the report was accepted under a suspension of the rule, and it was accordingly

Governor's
Address.

Ordered, That so much of said address as relates to the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad be referred to the committee on that subject.

So much thereof as relates to the consolidation of railroads and railroad legislation, to the committee on Railways.

So much thereof as relates to labor and to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, to a joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

So much thereof as relates to the state prison, prisons for women and county jails, to the committee on Prisons.

So much thereof as relates to state charities, to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

So much thereof as relates to the Militia, to the committee on Military Affairs.

So much thereof as relates to the liquor law, to a joint special committee to consist of three on the part of the Senate and eight on the part of the House.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Chaplain.

A communication was received from the Rev. Edward Abbott, signifying his acceptance of the office of Chaplain.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Rules and
Orders.

Mr. Wright, from the committee appointed to prepare rules and orders for the government of the Senate, reported thereon, recommending the adoption of the rules and orders of the Senate of last year, without amendment.

And the report being considered under a suspension of the rule, was accepted.

Commit-
tees.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :—

On the Judiciary.—Messrs. Torrey, Brown, Harmon, Wright and Jacobs.

On Probate and Chancery.—Messrs. Jacobs, N. L. Johnson and Merrill.

On the Treasury.—Messrs. Stickney, Learnard and Whittle.

On Printing.—Messrs. Griffin, Banister and Whiting.

On Bills in the Third Reading.—Messrs. Harmon, Merrill, Parsons, Whiting and Whittle.

On Engrossed Bills.—Messrs. Griggs, Bancroft and Giles.

On Leave of Absence.—Messrs. Nye, Clark and Dwelley.

Also the following Joint Standing Committees :—

On Agriculture.—Messrs. Woods and Dwelley.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Moore of Concord, Perley of Boxford, Belding of Northfield, Davis of Cohasset and Mayhew of Tisbury, are joined.

On Banks and Banking.—Messrs. Stickney and Giles.
Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Couch of Newburyport, Holmes of Fall River, Cummings of Woburn, Evans of Everett and Gleason of New Braintree, are joined.

On Claims.—Messrs. Morse and Johnson of Worcester.
Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Dudley of Northampton, Goddard of Petersham, Morse of Cambridge, Talbot of Dighton and Perkins of Ipswich, are joined.

On Education.—Messrs. Larnard and Washburn.
Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Sanger of Danvers, Packard of Boston, Field of Leominster, Marden of Lowell and Billings of Sharon, are joined.

On Federal Relations.—Messrs. Torrey and Lawrence.
Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Gilbert of Gloucester, Sparks of Provincetown, Taylor of Boston, Holmes of Bridgewater and Smith of Cambridge, are joined.

On the Fisheries.—Messrs. Woodwell and Nye.
Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Whitfield of Fairhaven, Bailey of Kingston, Skinner of Milford, Smith of Boston and Pierce of Arlington, are joined.

On Harbors.—Messrs. Johnson of Suffolk, Washburn and Nye.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Hayes of Boston, Fitz of Chelsea, Seaver of West Roxbury, Creesy of Salem, Sprague of Framingham, Wilson of Boston, Wing of Dartmouth and Cushing of Hingham, are joined.

On the Library.—Messrs. Woods, Lawrence and Packard.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Howard of Northbridge, Goddard of Princeton and Sawyer of Harvard, are joined.

On Manufactures.—Messrs. Clark and Whiting.
Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Bagg of West Springfield, Davis of Lawrence, Thayer of North Bridgewater, Wallace of Fitchburg and Porter of Braintree, are joined.

On Mercantile Affairs.—Messrs. Fuller, Woodwell and Todd.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Bailey of Charlestown, Phelps of Springfield, Knight of Boston, Blankinship of Marion and Roberts of Waltham, are joined.

On Insurance.—Messrs. Wright and French.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Ladd of Springfield, Johnson of Lowell, Harlow of Shrewsbury, Ryder of Foxborough and Bigelow of Boston, are joined.

On Military Affairs.—Messrs. Wright and Thompson.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Hoyt of Athol, Carruth of Chelsea, Splaine of Boston, Porter of Beverly and Derby of Charlestown, are joined.

On Parishes and Religious Societies.—Messrs. Coe and Giles.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Cross of West Boylston, Snow of Brewster, Ide of Medway, Allen of Hamilton and Batchelder of Holliston, are joined.

On Prisons.—Messrs. Potter, Coe and Thompson.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Winslow of Newton, Jones of Boston, Dewey of Egremont, Stacy of Lynn, Blake of Milford, Bonney of Hadley, Carpenter of Southbridge and Black of Taunton, are joined.

On Public Charitable Institutions.—Messrs. Fuller and Griggs.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Stedman of Boston, Breed of Lynn, Gates of Worcester, Stone of Wellfleet and Toland of Boston, are joined.

On Public Lands.—Messrs. Bancroft and Packard.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Currier of Newburyport, Dean of Freetown, Hatch of Marshfield, Frost of Boston and Hildreth of Worcester, are joined.

On Railways.—Messrs. Carpenter, Baker and Wallace.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Codman of Boston, Fairbanks of Fall River, Barker of Pittsfield, Bacon of Lawrence, Watson of Lowell, Chisholm of New Bedford, Wellington of Worcester and Baker of Lunenburg, are joined.

On Horse Railways.—Messrs. Brown, French and Baird.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Palmer of Boston, Sargent of Lowell, Read of Westford, Darby of Adams, Heath of Boston, French of Springfield, Samson of Charlestown and Winslow of Worcester, are joined.

On Roads and Bridges.—Messrs. Lobdell and Todd.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Abbott of Malden, Clark of Newburyport, Norton of Westfield, Sears of Barnstable and Brownell of Westport, are joined.

On the State House.—Messrs. Parsons and Banister.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Tarr of Gloucester, Kentfield of Chicopee, Wiley of Charlestown, Berry of North Andover and Clatur of Boston, are joined.

On Towns.—Messrs. Griffin and Morse.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Hayes of Medford, Nowell of Boston, Kendrick of Worcester, Ladd of Sturbridge and Purrington of Mattapoisett, are joined.

On the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel.—Messrs. Johnson of Suffolk, Woods and Learned.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Plunkett of Adams, White of Plymouth, Osborn of Fall River, Granger of Boston, Fletcher of Chelsea, Whitman of Billerica, Hill of Stoneham and Lancaster of Haverhill, are joined.

On Water Supply and Drainage.—Messrs. Learned, Lobdell and Whittle.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. McDaniel of Cambridge, Currier of Newburyport, Shattuck of Boston, Studley of Charlestown, Titus of Worcester, Waters of Webster, Bardwell of Deerfield, and Vinal of Somerville, are joined.

The President also announced the appointment of the following Joint Special Committees :—

On so much of the Governor's Address as relates to Labor and the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.—Messrs. Griffin, Packard and Thompson.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Bridge of Lynn, Shattuck of Boston, Bowker of Boston, Stetson of Quincy, Lewis of Walpole, Parker of Northborough, Scott of Blackstone and Parker of New Bedford, are joined.

On so much of said Address as relates to the Liquor Law.—Messrs. Coe. Bancroft and Merrill.

Sent down to be joined.

Came up, and Messrs. Hanson of Peabody, Hall of New Bedford, Bradley of Rockport, Hall of Boston, Saunders of Pepperell, Bartholmesz of Boston, Hunt of Weymouth and Morse of Millbury, are joined.

Arlington.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the report on the petition of the selectmen of Arlington, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Boston with
other cities
and towns,
annexation
of.

The same senator, on leave, introduced a bill to enlarge the territory of, and unite certain towns and cities with, the city of Boston, and the same was read and referred to the committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Alexander
H. Wilder.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of Alexander H. Wilder, for the appointment of an assistant register of deeds for the county of Worcester.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,—

Elections.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in the laws in relation to elections in cities and towns.

On motion of Mr. Learnard,—

Provision
made for a
widow in
her hus-
band's will.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider whether any change is necessary in the law in reference to the time in which a widow may waive the provisions made for her in her husband's will.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Com. on
Mercantile
Affairs.

Mr. Lobdell was excused, at his own request, from serving as a member of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, and Mr. Parsons was appointed in his place.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two Houses cause the joint rule relative to the disposition of petitions, memorials and applications presented after the 22d day of February next, to be published for one week, in six newspapers printed within this Commonwealth. ^{19th joint rule.}

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Griffin,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending the laws in relation to taxation, that a poll tax shall be taken as equal to a valuation of \$200 in property, or of repealing all laws that require a payment of a poll tax as necessary to the qualification of a voter. ^{Poll taxes.}

On motion of Mr. Morse,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of so amending section 65 of chapter 17 of the General Statutes, and such other enactments as relate thereto, as to extend the jurisdiction of the several sheriffs and their deputies. ^{Jurisdiction of sheriffs.}

On motion of Mr. Learnard,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Treasury make up the mileage of the member of the Senate for the present session of the General Court. ^{Mileage.}

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Ordered, That a joint special committee consisting of the committee on the Treasury on the part of the Senate, and the committee on Finance on the part of the House, be appointed for the purpose of revising the list of salaries and rates of compensation paid to clerks in the various departments, and other employes in the State House, with a view to establishing more equal salaries, and preventing the necessity of voting extra compensation at the close of the sessions of the Legislature. ^{Salaries.}

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Fuller, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. ^{Nickerson's Wharf Co.}

Mr. Jacobs presented a petition of the mayor of the city of Boston for authority to prohibit the sinking of any ^{Boston.}

cellar below the grade of twelve feet above mean low-water; also

A petition of the same for a limitation of the time of service of jurors in Boston to thirty days; also

A petition of the same for amendment of the laws relating to vaccination; also

A petition of the same for authority to take any lands, except flats, below the grade of mean high-water; also

A petition of the same for authority to establish two polling places in any wards in the city; also

A petition of the same for the regulation of the return of physicians' certificates of death.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Boston.

The same senator presented a petition of the same, that the laws in relation to betterments may be applied to the laying out of public grounds and the construction of bridges.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Also, a petition of the same in relation to the support of insane paupers by said city.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Roxbury
Gas Light
Co.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of the Roxbury Gas Light Company for authority to increase its capital stock.

Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Female
suffrage.

Ordered, In concurrence, that a committee on Female Suffrage, to consist of eight members on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join, consider the expediency of so changing the constitution as to admit women to vote and hold office in the Commonwealth.

And Messrs. Stone of West Brookfield, Hopkins of Boston, Allen of Lynn, Hayden of Boston, Hurlburt of Sudbury, Hutchinson of Boston, Burt of Amherst and Seaver of Taunton, are appointed on the part of the House.

And Messrs. Parsons, Griggs and Woods, are appointed on the part of the Senate.

Rules and
orders.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be printed and bound in suitable form,

twenty-five hundred copies of the rules and orders of the two branches, with lists of the several standing and special committees, together with such other matter as may be considered practicable in a legislative manual.

Also, that the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared a list of the committees, in suitable form, for the use of the members of the Legislature. Lists of committees.

A petition of the Baldwin Company for an increase of capital stock, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Baldwin Company.

A petition of Major Dexter H. Follett of First Light Artillery, for compensation for amount paid for a muster-field in the year 1872, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Dexter H. Follett.

A petition of Amos Reed and others, in relation to the proposed division of the town of Abington, was referred to the committee on Towns. Amos Reed et als.

A petition of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad Company for an extension of time within which to complete their road, was referred to the committee on Railways. Marblehead & Lynn R.R. Co.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Carpenter presented a petition of the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company for confirmation of location and authority to increase its capital stock. Old Colony & Newport Railway Co.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Coe, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company, and for other purposes; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways. New Bedford R.R. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of authorizing railroad corporations, by gen- R.R. corporations.

eral laws, to take such additional land as may be necessary in the judgment of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, for the convenient and more efficient operation of their roads.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,—

Committee
on Public
Charitable
Institutions.

Ordered, That the committee on Public Charitable Institutions be authorized to visit such institutions at such times, as they may deem expedient.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

John A.
Beckerman
et als.

Mr. Nye presented a petition of John A. Beckerman and others, for a division of the town of Sandwich.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Edward
Whitney et
als.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Edward Whitney and others, for an act of incorporation as the Boston Tow Boat Company.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

State Tem-
perance Alli-
ance.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of the State Temperance Alliance for a change in the liquor law, relating to the sale of beer and other fermented liquors.

Referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Henry Lyon
et als.

Mr. Lawrence presented a petition of Dr. Henry Lyon and others, for an act of incorporation as the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

David Cool-
idge et als.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of David Coolidge and others, for the annexation of Brookline to Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Mystic
River Cor-
poration.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, the petition of the Mystic River Corporation, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Harbors.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Geo. H.
Johnston.

A petition of George H. Johnston for reimbursement of expenses incurred in the defence of certain charges made against him, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Hinkley &
Williams
Works.

A petition of the Hinkley and Williams Works for a

change of name, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

A petition of West Amesbury Railroad Company, for authority to unite with a corporation of the same name in New Hampshire was referred to the committee on Railways. Amesbury
R.R. Co.

A petition of the trustees of the Smith Charities, for amendment of charter, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. Smith Char-
ities.

Petitions of

The Dorchester Gas Light Company; and

The New Bedford Gas Light Company, severally for increase of capital stock, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Dorchester
Gas Light
Co.
New Bed-
ford Gas
Light Co.

A petition of Henry C. Gilbert for state aid was referred to the committee on Claims. Henry C.
Gilbert.

A petition of the Third Religious Society in Dorchester for amendment of charter; and Dorchester
Third Reli-
gious Soc'y.

A petition of Daniel B. Eddy and others, for a reorganization of the Somerset Religious and Humane Society were referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Daniel B.
Eddy et als.

Severally in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be authorized to send for persons and papers and to employ clerical assistance. Com. on
Railways.

A report on the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others (from the files of last year); and W. A.
Humphrey
et als.

A petition of John W. Candler and others, in aid of the same; and Id.

A petition of the city of Cambridge that certain portions of the towns of Belmont and Watertown may be annexed to the city of Cambridge; were severally referred to the committee on Towns. Cambridge.

Cambridge. A petition of the city of Cambridge for such legislation as shall secure forever the present area of Charles River ; and

Brookline. A petition of the town of Brookline for liberty to divert the waters of Muddy River, were severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Highland Street Railway Co. A petition of the Highland Street Railway Company for authority to extend the location of its tracks, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Gosnold Mill Co. A petition of the Gosnold Mill Company for authority to increase its capital stock, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Edward D. Winslow et als. A petition of Edward D. Winslow and others, for an act of incorporation as the Tremont Market Company ; and

E. Tourjee et als. A petition of E. Tourjee and others, for an act of incorporation as the Newton Improvement Company, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Lowell Bleachery. A petition of the Lowell Bleachery to enter into contract for mutual insurance with other companies, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Alexander H. Wilder, reported

Worcester County. A bill to authorize the Register of Deeds for the county of Worcester to appoint an assistant.

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the petition of the mayor of the city of Boston, reported

Suffolk County. A bill to limit the service of jurors in Suffolk County ; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Tame doves. Mr. Griffin, on leave, introduced a bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares, traps or otherwise ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,—

Income tax. *Ordered,* That the committee on the Judiciary inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in the laws in relation to the taxing of incomes.

Union Hall Association. Mr. Fuller presented a petition of the Union Hall Association for an increase of capital stock.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Morse was excused from service on the committee on Claims, at his own request. Committee on Claims.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 9, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

A petition of the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Company for the consolidation of the lines of railroad from Boston to Troy, New York, was referred to the committee on Railways. Vt. & Mass.
R.R. Co.

A petition of the town of Westport for an act to regulate the fishery of Cockeast Pond, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Westport.

A petition of the town of Milton for an act authorizing the sale of the public landing places in said town; and Milton.

A remonstrance of the selectmen of Watertown and others, against the petition of Joseph Bird and others, were referred to the committee on Towns. Jos. Bird et
als.

A petition of Bartlett Pease and others, in relation to certain parsonage lands in Tisbury, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Bartlett
Pease et als.

A petition of George A. Burr and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in the village of Florence in Northampton, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Geo. A.
Burr et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The annual report of the Commissioners on Public Lands, was referred to the committee on Public Lands. Commis-
sioners on
Pub. Lands.

The annual report of the inspectors and officers of the state prison was referred to the committee on Prisons. State
prison.

The annual report of the Agent of Discharged Convicts was also referred to that committee. Agent for
Discharged
Convicts.

The annual report of the trustees of

The State Reform School;

The Massachusetts School for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded Youth;

The State Almshouse at Tewksbury;

Reports.

The State Primary School at Monson ;
 The State Workhouse at Bridgewater ;
 The State Lunatic Hospital at Worcester ;
 The State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ;
 The State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton ;
 The Trustees and Advisory Board of the State Industrial School at Lancaster, were severally referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Severally in concurrence.

Norwich &
 Worcester
 R.R. Sink-
 ing Fund.

A communication was received from the Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., transmitting the annual report of the Commissioners of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Sinking Fund.

List of par-
 dons of
 criminals.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the list of the pardons of criminals granted by the Governor and Council during the year 1872.

Severally laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Natick.

Mr. Morse presented a petition of the town of Natick for authority to take water from Dug Pond for fire, domestic and other purposes.

Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

City and
 town mut.
 insurance
 companies.

The bill to incorporate cities and towns into mutual fire insurance companies at their election, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mileage.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, to whom was referred the order relating to the mileage of the Senate for the present session, reported thereon an order and a schedule thereof; and the report being considered under a suspension of the rule, was accepted, and the order accordingly adopted, and is as follows :—

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the several senators whose name are borne upon the accompanying schedule, the sums set against their names respectively, amounting in the aggregate, to the sum of three hundred and forty-nine dollars.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Bills :
 To authorize the register of deeds for the county of Worcester to appoint an assistant ;
 To limit the term of service of jurors in Suffolk County ;

were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motions of Mr. Parsons, the reports on the petitions of

Washington Reed and others; and
William L. Reed and others, were taken from the files
of last year and referred to the committee on Towns.

Washington
Reed et als.
William L.
Reed et als.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, the petition of John H. Stark and others, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Insurance.

John H.
Stark et als.

Mr. Woodwell presented a petition of Henry M. Cross for authority to extend his wharf at Newburyport.

Henry M.
Cross.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Fuller presented a memorial of the Boston Board of Trade in relation to the settlement of claims for losses by insurance companies.

Boston
Board of
Trade.

Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Whittle presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Saugus, that said town may be relieved from the maintenance of a portion of Salem Turnpike.

Saugus.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Giles presented a petition of the American Hide Seat Company for a change of name.

American
Hide Seat
Co.

Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Mr. Carpenter, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Public Steam Supply Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Pub. Steam
Supply Co.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report of the commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company was taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Norwich &
Worcester
R.R. Co.

The annual report of the commissioners on contagious diseases among cattle, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Contagious
diseases
among cat-
tle.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

List of pardons for criminals.

The message from the Governor, transmitting a list of pardons issued by the Governor and Council during the year 1872, was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Prisons.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Middlesex R.R. Co.

A petition of the Middlesex Railroad Company for authority to extend the run of their cars in the city of Boston ; and petitions of

Francis Childs and others ;
Columbus Corey and others ;
A. J. Morton and others ;
James O. Curtis and others ;
Jacob F. Glines and others ; and

Benjamin Faulkner and others, severally in aid of the same, were referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Joseph Bird et als.

A petition of Joseph Bird and others for the annexation of the town of Watertown to the city of Cambridge ; and

Alexander McDonald et als.

A petition of Alexander McDonald and others for the annexation of the town of Belmont to said city, were referred to the committee on Towns.

William Claflin et als.

A petition of William Claflin and others for an act of incorporation as the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Boston, Barre and Gardner R.R. Co.

A petition of the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company for an extension of time within which to locate and construct its road was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Worcester County.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate bill to authorize the Register of Deeds for the county of Worcester to appoint an assistant, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Suffolk County.

The bill to limit the term of service of jurors in Suffolk county, was read a third time.

Mr. Bancroft proposed an amendment therein, pending the consideration of which, the bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Woods,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next at 2 o'clock, P. M. Adjourn-
ment.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 13, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Friday was read.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Ordered, That the committee on Expenditures be instructed to examine and report upon the condition of the securities in charge of the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth. Treasurer
and Receiver-
General.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, the report of the committee on Military Affairs on the petition of William Evans and others was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on that subject. William
Evans et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,—

The report on the petition of the Boston Board of Trade was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Boston
Board of
Trade.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider what legislation, if any, is necessary in relation to small-pox and other contagious diseases. Small-pox.

Mr. Wright, on leave, introduced a bill to establish the Second Middlesex District Court; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Middlesex
District
Court.

Mr. Woods presented a petition of Walter Shanly and Francis Shanly for certain modifications of the contract for building the Hoosac Tunnel. Shanly
Brothers.

Referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of the selectmen of Lexington for authority to drain certain meadows in said town. Lexington.

Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Henry T.
Cheever et
als.

Mr. Thompson presented a petition of Henry T. Cheever and others for the repeal of that part of the law which allows cities and towns to authorize the sale of beer and malt liquors.

Referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

Judson
Chapin et
als.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of Judson Chapin and others for a division of the town of West Roxbury, or for the incorporation of the south-westerly part of said town as a new town.

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Also, a petition of William H. Goodwin in aid of the same.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Annual
Reports.

The annual report of the Commissioners of the Mystic River Corporation, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

The annual report of the Surgeon-General, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The annual report of the Police Commissioners, was referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

The annual report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Severally in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Griffin, the first two reports were ordered to be printed under the rule. Also

Ordered, That 5,000 copies of the annual report of the Police Commissioners and 3,000 copies of the annual report of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries be printed.

Support of
paupers.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of altering section 14 of chapter 70 of the General Statutes, by striking out the compensation named in said section, for the support of paupers before removal, and inserting a larger sum, more in accordance with justice and equity.

Com. on
prisons.

Also, that the committee on Prisons be authorized to visit the various prisons of the Commonwealth at their discretion.

Also, that the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so modifying the law in relation to reading the Bible in the public schools, that full power be given to the school committees in each city and town, to regulate the matter as they may deem expedient.

Bible in
public
schools.

Also, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of repealing or amending section 3 of chapter 304 of the acts of 1870, in relation to the protection of certain water-fowl named therein.

Water-fowl.

Also, that the committee on Education be authorized to visit the normal schools at such times as they may deem expedient.

Normal
schools.

Also, that the committee on Education consider whether additional legislation is necessary in regard to the attendance of children upon the public schools; especially those children whose parents plead as an excuse for non-attendance, the need of their children's aid as a help towards their support.

Public
schools.

A petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company for amendment of the act to incorporate the Great Northern Railroad Company, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Boston and
Lowell R. R.
Co.

A petition of Louis Agassiz for a grant in aid of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, was referred to the committee on Education.

Louis Agas-
siz.

A petition of the Beverly Insurance Company (from the files of last year) was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Beverly
Ins. Co.

A petition of the selectmen of Rowley and the First Parish in said town, for amendment of the act of 1851, in addition to an act in relation to the First Parish in Rowley, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Rowley.

A petition of Caroline L. Osgood of Northbridge for the refunding of a second tax paid on bank stock; and

Caroline L.
Osgood.

A petition of George Osborne for the refunding of a bank tax alleged to be illegally levied, were severally referred to the committee on Claims.

George
Osborne.

A petition of the selectmen of Holliston for the replacement of its set of standard scales destroyed by fire, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Holliston.

A petition of Marvin Lincoln and others for an act of incorporation as an Odd Fellows' Lodge, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Marvin Lin-
coln et als.

Robert
Hooper et
als.

A petition of Robert Hooper and others for the repeal of an act concerning Granite Cove in the city of Gloucester; and

Boston and
Maine R.R.

A petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad for authority to construct certain wharves on Mystic River, and for other purposes; and

Ib.

A petition of the same for authority to build pile structures adjacent to its bridges over Charles and Miller's Rivers, were severally referred to the committee on Harbors.

Severally in concurrence.

Insurance.

A special report of the Insurance Commissioner, under the Resolve of the late extra session, giving the standing and condition of all fire insurance corporations, was referred to the committee on Insurance, in concurrence.

Committee
on Claims.

The President appointed Mr. Parsons as a member of the committee on Claims.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,—

Senate
chamber.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms provide for the better accommodation of the members of the Senate by placing the railings on both sides of the Senate chamber at a convenient distance from the desks.

Boston
Land Co.

Mr. Washburn presented a petition of the Boston Land Company for authority to fill flats belonging to them, and to lay out streets over the same.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

George B.
Richmond
et als.

Mr. Coe presented a petition of George B. Richmond and others, for the repeal of so much of the liquor law as relates to the sale of ale and beer.

Referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Universal
Exposition
at Vienna.

Resolves concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna, were read and referred to the committee on Manufactures.

A bill to incorporate the Springvale Company, was read Springvale Co. and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally in concurrence.

Ordered, In concurrence, that whereas, only a small Petitions. portion of the petitions advertised in accordance with law, have yet been presented, it is therefore

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause the 19th joint rule. 18th and 19th joint rules to be advertised in the principal daily journals in the various cities of the Commonwealth.

A petition of the Boston Commercial Exchange, in aid Boston & Lowell R.R. Corporat'n. of that of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Remonstrances of

Jonas H. French and others ;

Gustavus A. Lane and others ;

Michael Deely and others ; and

D. B. Hodgkins and others, severally against the petition of Robert Hooper and others, were referred to the committee on Harbors.

Robert
Hooper et
als.

Severally in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill to change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company. Athol and Enfield R.R. Co.

Mr. Carpenter, on leave, introduced a bill to unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company ; and these bills were severally read and referred to the committee on Railways. Boston and Providence R.R. Corp., &c.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Simonds Manufacturing Company ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Manufactures. Simonds Man'g Co.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the Roxbury Gas Light Company, reported

Roxbury
Gas Lt. Co.

A bill to authorize the Roxbury Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the city of Boston in relation to limiting the grade of cellars in the city of Boston, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Russell D.
Ferris.

Mr. Baker presented a petition of Russell D. Ferris and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in South Yarmouth.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Edward G.
Nickerson
et als.

Mr. Carpenter presented a petition of Edward G. Nickerson and others, to be incorporated as the East Boston Freight Railroad Company.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Commis-
sioners of
Prisons.

The President presented the annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Papers from the House.

Hinkley &
Williams
Works.

A bill to change the name of the Hinkley and Williams Works (on the petition of the same), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Milk cans.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture inquire into the expediency of providing by law that milk cans shall be made according to a uniform measurement.

Howes
Chapman et
als.

A petition of Howes Chapman and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in the town of Dennis, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

William T.
Davis et als.

A petition of William T. Davis and others, that the town of Plymouth may be authorized to subscribe to the capital stock of the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Mutual in-
surance.

A bill to guarantee mutual insurance (from the files of last year) was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Dukes
County.

A petition of the Commissioners of Dukes County for a further appropriation for building a road from the town lines of Chilmark to Gay Head Lighthouse, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

A petition of Amos Cummings for compensation for expenses in defence of certain charges made against him before certain military tribunals, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Amos Cummings.

A petition of the Union Freight Railroad Company for authority to haul passenger trains over its road, was referred to the committee on Railways. Un. Freight R.R. Co.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to limit the service of jurors in Suffolk County, was further considered and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Bancroft, was adopted, and the title was also amended by striking therefrom the words "in Suffolk County"; and the bill as amended was passed to be engrossed. Jurors.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 16, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of modifying the 13th section of chapter 53 of the acts of 1872. Railroad corporations.

Also, that the committee on Insurance report what, if any, legislation is required for the collection of reciprocal taxes from foreign insurance companies, transacting business in this state; also, what companies, if any, are liable for such taxes and to what amounts. Insurance companies.

The report, on the petition of George A. Wilson and others, for the annexation of Brighton and other territory to the city of Boston (from the files of last year) was referred to the committee on Towns. Geo. A. Wilson et als.

A petition of the town of Holyoke for an act of incorporation as a city; and Holyoke.

A petition of the town of Woburn for a change in the town line between that town and Winchester, were referred to the committee on Towns. Woburn.

A petition of Elijah D. Allen and others, for the construction of a bridge over the Connecticut River between E. D. Allen et als.

Agawam and Springfield, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

New Bedford & N. Y.
Steam
Propeller
Co.
John Hill
et als.

A petition of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company for an increase of capital stock and change of name; and

A petition of John Hill and others, that the pilots of Provincetown may be authorized to take vessels into the port of Boston, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

E. Tourjee
et als.

A petition of E. Tourjée and others, for a change of name of the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Alfred Kittredge
et als.

A petition of Alfred Kittredge and others, for an act of incorporation as the Kenoza Horse Railroad Company, was referred to the company on Horse Railways.

Northampton and Williamsburg
St. Railway
Co.
Boston
Board of
Trade.

Also, a petition of the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railway Company for a change of name and authority to reduce its capital stock.

A petition of the Boston Board of Trade for an appropriation in aid of the proposed presentation of the interests of the United States at the Vienna Exposition, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Old Colony
Railroad
Co.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Old Colony and Newport Railway Company, reported

A bill confirming the location of the Old Colony Railroad from Wellfleet to Provincetown, and extending the time for the construction thereof, and for other purposes; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Tame
doves.

Mr. Dwelley, from the committee on Agriculture, on the bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares or otherwise, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection.

Poll tax.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order in relation to amendment of the law in respect to the taxation of polls, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State
prison.

Mr. Potter presented a report of the inspectors of the state prison, under the resolve of the last Legislature, directing certain inquiries to be made; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fuller, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Boston and Philadelphia S.S. Co.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company for amendment of charter; and the same was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Co.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of the administrators of the estate of Moses B. Sewall for exemption from paying certain taxes a second time. Moses B. Sewall.

Mr. Baker presented a petition of Edward E. Crowell and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in South Yarmouth. Edward E. Crowell et als.

Severally referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company for authority to establish its western terminus at or near Hyde Park. Boston and W. Roxbury R.R. Co.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Mr. Baker presented a petition of Lydia Crowell and others, in aid of that of Edward E. Crowell and others. Edward E. Crowell et als.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Brown,—

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to obtain for the use of the Legislature, as many copies of the first volume of the Supplements to the General Statutes from 1860 to 1872, published by Messrs. Richardson and Sanger, as may be necessary for the purpose. Supplement to Gen. Stat.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the report on the petition of D. R. Whitney and others, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Manufactures. D. R. Whitney et als.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, the report on the bill to incorporate the State Official Insurance Company, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Insurance. State Official Ins. Co.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.
To change the name of the Hinkley and Williams Works;

To authorize the Roxbury Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Boston.

The report, on the petition of the city of Boston relative to the grade of cellars hereafter to be built in said city, was accepted.

I. F. Talbot
et als.

A petition of I. F. Talbot and others, for the establishment of a Vaccine Institution, came from the House, referred to the committee on Education.

And the Senate non-concurred in the reference and and referred the same to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Arlington
Lake Water
Co.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Coe,—

Officers of
cities.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of repealing chapter 274 of the acts of 1872, relating to contracts with officers of cities.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Commis-
sioners of
Prisons.

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing four hundred extra copies of the second annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons.

Inspectors
of state
prison.

Also, four hundred extra copies of the report of the inspectors of the state prison, under the resolve of last year relating to building a new state prison.

Robert
Bower et
als.

Mr. Harmon presented a petition of Robert Bower and others, for a law that shall make ten hours' labor a day's work.

Referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Mr. Lawrence presented a memorial of Daniel Holt and others, that the laws in relation to intoxicating liquors may be impartially executed. Daniel Holt et als.

Referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order in relation to small-pox and other contagious diseases among cattle, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Small-pox.

Papers from the House.

A bill to provide for the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts and Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroads, was read and referred to the committee on Railways. Fitchburg, Vermont & Mass. Railroads, &c.

A bill to amend chapter 73 of the acts of 1872, in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, was read and referred to the committee on Railways. Lee & New Haven R.R. Co.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of reporting an act to relieve the city of Chelsea from the expense of maintaining the bridge between that city and Charlestown. Chelsea.

A petition of William Humphreys and Ebenezer S. Twisden of Marblehead, for authority to extend their wharf, was referred to the committee on Harbors. William Humphreys et al.

A petition of Jonathan King of Peabody, for the refunding of a bank tax alleged to have been wrongfully paid, was referred to the committee on Claims. Jonathan King.

A petition of Lemuel Baxter and others, for an act of incorporation as the Quincy Point Railroad Company, was referred to the committee on Railways. Lemuel Baxter et als.

A remonstrance of George H. Winslow and others, against the annexation of any part of Belmont to the city of Cambridge, was referred to the committee on Towns. Geo. H. Winslow et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill confirming the location of the Old Colony Railroad from Wellfleet to Provincetown, and extending the time for the construction thereof, and for other purposes, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Old Colony Railroad.

The bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares, Tame doves.

traps or otherwise, was considered, the question being on the rejection thereof; and the vote being taken, it was carried in the negative, and thereupon the bill was read a second time, amended and refused a third reading.

Poll taxes. The report on the order relative to the taxation and qualification of voters was laid on the table.

Roxbury Gas Lt. Co. The Senate bill to authorize the Roxbury Gas Light Company to increase its capital stock, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Hinkley & Williams Works. The House bill to change the name of the Hinkley and Williams Works, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Tame Mr. Griffin moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares, traps or otherwise, was refused a third reading; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 18, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Marblehead & Lynn R.R. Co. A bill to extend the time for the construction of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad (on the petition of the company), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriations. A bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Geo. F. Hoar et al. A petition of George F. Hoar and others, for the passage of a law making eight hours labor a day's work, was referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Eben U. King. A petition of Eben U. King of Peabody, for the refunding of a tax alleged to have been wrongfully assessed, was referred to the committee on Claims.

William Lewis. A petition of William Lewis for authority to extend and maintain a wharf at Vineyard Haven, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Gloucester. A petition of the city of Gloucester for amendment of the act establishing a fire department in said town, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate refused to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to prevent the taking of tame doves by snares, traps or otherwise, was refused a third reading.

Tame doves.

The report, on the order relative to small-pox and other contagious diseases, was accepted.

Small-pox.

The Senate bill confirming the location of the Old Colony Railroad from Wellfleet to Provincetown, and extending the time for the construction thereof, and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Old Colony Railroad.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 20, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Griffin, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing certain extra copies of the annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons, and the report of the inspectors of the state prison, under the resolve of 1872, reported that said orders should be amended by the substitution of 800 for 400 copies; and the report being considered, under a suspension of the rule, was accepted, and the order was adopted.

Commissioners of Prisons.
Inspectors of the State Prison.

On motion of Mr. Griffin,—

Ordered, That the justices of the supreme judicial court be requested at their earliest convenience, to give their opinions, whether article 3 of the amendment to the constitution—wherein the right to vote is qualified and made dependent upon the payment of a state or county tax,—and article 30 of the amended constitution wherein the right to vote is denied to any person who shall not be able to read the constitution in the English language, and write his name, are not repugnant to the letter and spirit of the 14th article of the amendments to the constitution of the United States, and if so, are they not unconstitutional, and therefore void?

Constitution.

And thereupon the order was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the report of the inspectors of the state prison under the resolve of the Legislature

Inspectors of the State Prison.

relating to a new prison, were taken from the table and referred to the committee on Prisons.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Manufacturers' Gas Co.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River, for authority to increase its capital stock.

Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Worcester Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Mr. Thompson presented a petition of the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company for amendment of charter.

Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Daniel Needham et als.

Mr. Lawrence presented a petition of Daniel Needham and others, for aid in behalf of the Vienna Exposition.

Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Alexander H. Rice et als.

Mr. Learnard presented a petition of Alexander H. Rice and others, for an act of incorporation as the Central Club of Boston.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

T. H. Smith et als.

Mr. Jacobs presented a petition of T. H. Smith and others, for an act of incorporation as the Mount Olive Cemetery Association.

Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Lowell Bleachery.

A bill to authorize the Lowell Bleachery to enter into contract for mutual insurance with other corporations (on the petition of the same) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Treasurer.

A resolve authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue, was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Criminal Insane.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons with the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the expediency of making arrangements in the contemplated new state prison for the confinement of the so-called criminal insane.

Sarah Howland et als.

A petition of Sarah Howland and others, for authority to discontinue the use of a private burial ground, was referred to the committee on Towns.

A petition of George W. Whitten and others, for an act of incorporation as the First Unitarian Society of East Weymouth, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Geo. W. Whitten et als.

A petition of the commissioned officers of Co. A, 6th regiment of militia, for a change of the laws respecting military encampments, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Co. A 6th Reg.

A petition of Eliphalet Trask and others, in behalf of the State Temperance Convention for a repeal of the laws in relation to the sale of ale and beer, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject. Eliphalet Trask et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to extend the time for the construction of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Marblehead & Lynn R.R.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 21, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the order relative to the subject, reported

A bill concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading. Widows.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Mrs. Lydia A. Short and others, for an act of incorporation as the Samaritan Society of Salem; also for authority to hold real estate. Lydia A. Short et als.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital for enlargement of the buildings of said institution. Taunton Lunatic Hospital.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of E. R. Studley and others, in aid of that of Washington Reed and others. Washington Reed et als.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

*Papers from the House.*Half-mill
fund.

A bill to establish a half-mill fund for the support of the public schools, was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Bills.

Bills,

To incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association in Lawrence;

To increase the capital stock of the Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill, and to fix the par value of its shares, were severally read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally in concurrence.

Commis-
sioners of
Mass.

A bill relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and in the territories, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Road com-
missioners.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the expediency of amending the law establishing road commissioners, so as to define their powers and duties in relation to guide-posts and shade-trees in highways.

Blowing up
buildings at
fires.

Also, that the committee on Insurance ascertain what legislation is required in regard to blowing up and otherwise destroying buildings at fires.

Job T. Wil-
son.

A petition of Job T. Wilson for authority to construct a wharf in Taunton Great River, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Timothy
Murphy.

A petition of Timothy Murphy for state aid, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Geo. W.
Robinson et
als.

A petition of George W. Robinson and others, for an act of incorporation with power to take water from Vine Brook, was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Highland
Street Rail-
way Co.

Petitions of,

Charles C. Holbrook and others;

John Belknap and others;

George W. Wheeler and others;

W. Elliot Woodward and others;

John T. Clark and others, and

H. H. Coolidge and others, severally in aid of that of the Highland Street Railway Company, were severally referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the Lowell Bleachery to enter into contract for mutual insurance with other corporations, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Lowell
Bleachery.

The House bill to extend the time for the construction of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad, was read to a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Marblehead
& Lynn
Railroad.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 22, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the American Hide Seat Company, reported

Am. Hide
Seat Co.

A bill to change the name of said company; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company; and

Boston and
Providence
Railroad
corporation.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the House bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, severally reported that these bills ought to pass; and they were severally ordered to a second reading.

Appropriations.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the jurisdiction of sheriffs and their deputies, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Sheriffs.

Mr. Johnson, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Industrial and Mechanical School of Boston; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Industrial &
Mechanical
School of
Boston.

Mr. Whiting, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Holyoke
Water Pow-
er Co.

On motion of Mr. Lobdell, the report, on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

F. J. Briggs
et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Otis H.
Weed et als.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of Otis H. Weed and others, for confirmation of title to certain real estate.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Griffin,—

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Ordered, That the chief of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor be authorized to report in print.

Sent down for concurrence.

Journal of
the Senate.

On motion of the same senator,—

Ordered, That the Clerk prepare and cause to be printed and bound five hundred copies of the Journal of the Senate for the present session, with an index, and such notes, references and other statistical matter as may be necessary; and that one copy be sent to each member of the present Legislature, thirty copies at the disposal of the President and Clerk, six copies placed in the State Library, ten copies at the disposal of the executive department, and each of the lobbies and committee rooms supplied in like manner as they are now supplied with other documents of the Senate and House.

Papers from the House.

Newbury-
port and
Amesbury
R.R. Co.

A bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Newbury-port and Amesbury Railroad Company, was read and referred to the committee on Horse Railways in concurrence.

N. E. Moral
Reform Soc.

A bill to authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Geo. F.
Hoar et als.

A petition of E. M. Chamberlain and others, in aid of that of George F. Hoar and others, was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Geo. M.
Weston.

A memorial of George M. Weston for the payment of certain claims against the Commonwealth, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Boston and
Albany R.
R. Co.

A petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for extension of time within which to complete their Union Passenger Depot in Worcester, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Joseph P.
Johnson et
als.

A petition of Joseph P. Johnson and others, in relation to amendment of the laws respecting pilotage, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Grand Div.
of the Sons
of Temper-
ance.

A petition of John F. Coles and another, in behalf of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance for the repeal of so much of the liquor law as relates to the sale

of ale and beer, was referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

A petition of D. F. Ramsey and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in the village of Florence in the town of Northampton; and D. F. Ramsey et al.

A petition of William Foley and others, in aid of the same, were referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

A petition of the town of West Roxbury for the annexation of said town to the city of Boston; and West Roxbury.

A remonstrance of J. F. Stone and others, against any change in the boundary line between the towns of Winchester and Woburn, were referred to the committee on Towns. J. F. Stone et al.

A petition of Daniel Allen and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Middlesex R.R. Co.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill concerning the waiver by widows, of the provisions of wills, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Wills—widows.

The House bill to authorize the Lowell Bleachery to enter into contract for mutual insurance with other corporations, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Lowell Bleachery.

Paper from the House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the State House consider the expediency of authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to cause the windows in room No. 10 to be raised. State House.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 23, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petitions of the mayor of Boston relative to the extension of the betterment law in its application to bridges and public grounds; Boston.

Boston.

And for authority to take lands except flats, below high-water mark, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Norwich &
Worcester
R.R. Co.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the annual report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Railroad
corporations.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on Railways, on the order relative to the taking of land for the use and convenience of railroad corporations, submitted a similar report thereon; and the reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Pond and
Dunklee.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Pond and Dunklee for compensation for work and material used in repairs on the State House.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Middlesex
R.R. Co.

Mr. Lawrence presented a petition of C. H. Fowler and others, in aid of that of the Middlesex Railroad Company.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

West Ames-
bury R.R.
Co.

A bill to unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire (on the petition of the same) was read and ordered to a second reading.

South Had-
ley Falls.

A bill in aid of an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water, was read and referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Boston and
Albany R.
R. Corpo-
ration.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the election of two directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation on the part of the Commonwealth, be made the order of the day for Wednesday, February 5th, at 2.15 P. M., and that a convention of both branches be held at that hour for the purpose.

Maurice
Morey.

A petition of Maurice Morey for compensation for false imprisonment; and

Paul Gid-
dings.

A petition of Paul Giddings for state aid, on account of military services, were referred to the committee on Claims.

J. D.
Runkle et
als.

A petition of J. D. Runkle and others, that the use of a certain lot of land may be granted to the Institute of Technology, was referred to the committee on Education.

A petition of Charles Bradley and others, for a change in the laws relative to pilotage; and Chas. Bradley et als.

A petition of P. H. Raymond and others, for an act of incorporation as the Fireman's Relief Association, were severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. P. H. Raymond et als.

A petition of Murdock Matheson for compensation for injuries received while in service as captain of cavalry, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Murdock Matheson.

A petition of the town of Lexington, in aid of the petition of George W. Robinson and others; and Lexington.

A remonstrance of the same against the petition of the town of Lexington, were severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

A remonstrance of B. F. Bourne and others, against the petition of A. Beckerman and others, was referred to the committee on Towns. A. Beckerman et als.

A petition of J. C. Hoadley and others, that the commissioners of the county of Essex may be authorized to build a bridge across the Merrimack River at Lawrence, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. J. C. Hoadley et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To change the name of the American Hide Seat Company;

To unite the Boston and Providence Corporation, and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year, was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Appropriations.

The Senate bill concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Wills—widows.

Sent down for concurrence.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order in relation to the jurisdiction of sheriffs and their deputies, was accepted. Sheriffs.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the 26th chapter of the General Statutes, in relation to the preservation of the public health; and the same was read Public health.

three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

N. E. Moral
Reform Soc.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society, reported that the same ought to pass.

Commis-
sioners of
Mass. for
other states.

Mr. Brown, from the same committee, submitted a similar report on the bill relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and in the territories; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

Hoosac
Tunnel, &c.

On motion of Mr. Woods, the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad on an order relative to leasing or consolidating the tunnel with certain railroads, with the accompanying papers, was taken from the files of the last General Court and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Wooden
buildings in
Boston.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Boston for sanitary purposes; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

Insurance.

A bill to provide for municipal and state insurance, was read and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Chapin
Banking &
Trust Co.

A bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield, was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Insurance.

Ordered. In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending section 11 of chapter 375 of the acts of 1872, relative to dividends of mutual fire insurance companies with a guarantee capital.

Also, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of further legislation in regard to connecting Connecting
railroads. railroads.

Also, that said committee consider the expediency of ^{th.} further legislation in regard to the terminal stations and the approaches thereto, of railroads entering Boston from the north.

Also, that the committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of surgeon-general. Surgeon-
General.

A petition of the Wellesley Female Seminary for a change of name was referred to the committee on Education. Wellesley
Fem. Semi-
nary.

A remonstrance of Josiah O. Friend, Jr., and others, against the petition of Robert Hooper and others was referred to the committee on Harbors. Robert
Hooper et
als.

Remonstrances of

Belmont.

Daniel F. Learnard and others ;

W. J. Underwood and others, and

James B. Homer and others, severally against the annexation of any part of Belmont to the city of Cambridge, were referred to the committee on Towns.

A petition of Asahel P. Squires for reimbursement for expenses and services in the arrest of the Grafton Bank robbers ; and Asahel P.
Squires.

A petition of Charles Siders for remission of bank tax, were severally referred to the committee on Claims. Charles
Siders.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this state, with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. W. Ames-
bury Br.
R.R. Co.

The reports, on the petitions of the mayor of the city of Boston for authority to take land below the grade of mean high-water mark ; and Boston.

In relation to the betterment laws ; and

Ib.

On the order relative to amendment of the laws in respect to betterments ; and Ib.

On the annual report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Company, were severally accepted and the last two sent down for concurrence. Norwich &
Worcester
R.R. Sink-
ing Fund.

Came up concurred.

**Am. Hide
Seat Co.**

The Senate bill to change the name of the American Hide Seat Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Boston and
Prov. R.R.
Corporation,
&c.**

The Senate bill to unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Hinkley &
Williams
Works.**

An engrossed bill to change the name of the Hinkley and Williams Works (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted.

**Adjourn-
ment.**

On motion of Mr. Woodwell,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet on Monday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Subsequently, Mr. Torrey moved a reconsideration of the above vote; and the question on the motion was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Banister,
Brown,	Carpenter,	Clark,
Coe,	Giles,	Griffin,
Jacobs,	Learnard,	Lobdell,
Morse,	Packard,	Parsons,
Thompson,	Todd,	Torrey,
Washburn.—19.		

NAYS. —Messrs. Harmon,	Johnson, Robert,	Lawrence,
Stickney,	Wallace,	Woods,
Woodwell.—7.		

So the vote was reconsidered.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, January 25, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

**Conn.
River.**

Mr. Todd presented a petition of the selectmen of North-field for the better regulation of the lumber traffic on the Connecticut River.

Referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Appropriations.

A bill in addition to an act making appropriations for

the maintenance of the government for the present year, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

A bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the District Court of East Norfolk was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. East Norfolk.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways inquire if any legislation is necessary to provide for a change of location of the railroad station in the village of West Stockbridge, and the erection of new station buildings. West Stockbridge.

Also, that the committee on Military Affairs consider Militia. the expediency of providing compensation for the use of lands occupied by the several commands of the state militia ordered into encampment during the year 1872.

The Senate bill to amend the 26th chapter of the General Statutes, came up concurred, with certain amendments; also with the following added to the title, "relating to the preservation of the public health"; and the same were adopted in concurrence. Public health.

The bill to authorize the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Boston for sanitary purposes came up concurred, with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence. Boston.

A petition of Henry Emery for an investigation of the manner in which the "liquor law" is enforced, and the action of certain trial justices and state constables, came up referred to a joint special committee, to consist of five on the part of the House with such as the Senate may join; and the Senate concurred in the reference, and the President took time to appoint. Henry Emery.

A petition of George C. Richardson and Company and others, in aid of the proposed union of the Vermont and Massachusetts, the Fitchburg and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies, was referred to the committee on Railways. Vermont & Mass. and other railroads.

A petition of the selectmen of the town of Sandwich for the protection of the oyster fishery in Barlow Pond in said town, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Sandwich.

A petition of the pilots of Gloucester, that the rates of pilotage may be fixed at the same rates for that port as the port of Salem, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. Gloucester, pilots of.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken and the bills,
Relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and in the territories ;

To authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

West Ames-
bury Br.
R.R. Co.

The House bill to unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this state with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill enacted
and laid
before the
Governor.

An engrossed bill to extend the time for the construction of the Marblehead and Lynn Railroad (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted.

Res. passed
and laid be-
fore the
Governor.

An engrossed resolve to authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bill, and the bill to change the name of the Hinkley and Williams Works, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Hinkley &
Williams
Works.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, January 27, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Papers from the House.

Courts-mar-
tial.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs consider the expediency of providing that officers and soldiers summoned before courts-martial or courts of inquiry shall receive compensation for attendance thereon.

Insurance
companies.

Also, that the committee on Insurance inquire into the expediency of so amending chapter 375 of the acts of the year 1872, as to provide that no joint stock insurance company shall hereafter be organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, with a capital stock of less than five hundred thousand dollars; and that no joint stock insurance company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth, shall declare or pay any dividends, unless the net assets of the company, after providing for such dividends and after deducting all liabilities of the company except premiums on unexpired risks, shall amount to a certain percentage

(to be fixed by law) on the amount of the risks in said company; and that no other restriction shall be made on the amount of dividends which such companies may pay.

A remonstrance of Charles H. Ferson, mayor of Chelsea, against the petition of the Mystic River Railroad Corporation, was referred to the committee on Harbors in concurrence. Mystic Riv.
R.R. Corpo-
ration.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire whether any further legislation is required to carry out the provisions of the 8th article of the amendments of the constitution of the State of Massachusetts. Constitu-
tion.

Mr. Griffin presented a petition of Nathaniel Freeman for compensation for labor and material furnished for repairs on the State House. Nathaniel
Freeman.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Coe presented a memorial of the American Woman's Suffrage Association, for amendment of the statutes and the constitution regarding the rights of women to vote at all election of officers of the Commonwealth and the United States. American
Woman's
Suffrage
Association.

Referred to the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

A communication was received from George Derby, M.D., transmitting the fourth annual report of the State Board of Health; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. State Board
of Health.

Mr. Potter offered the following order, which was read th and referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That 10,000 extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health be printed, five thousand of which shall be at the disposal of the Board, twenty-five hundred copies shall be numbered and take their place in the series of the public documents for the present year, and the remainder shall be for the use of the members of the Legislature.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the House ^{Bill} bills,

Relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and in the territories;

To authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, January 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Bill enacted
and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To authorize the Lowell Bleachery to contract for mutual insurance with other companies.

To authorize the erection of wooden buildings in the city of Boston for sanitary purposes.

To amend the 26th chapter of the General Statutes relating to the preservation of the public health.

Nickerson's
Wharf Co.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was referred the bill to amend the act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of

Bill to extend the power of the Nickerson's Wharf Company to hold wharf property and real estate in East Boston.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the Boston Board of Trade, reported

Limited
partner-
ships.

A bill in relation to limited partnerships; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Domicil.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced a bill concerning domicil for the purpose of taxation, and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Griffin, from the joint committee on Printing, on the order relative to authorizing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, reported that said order ought not to be adopted; and the report was accepted and the order accordingly rejected.

East Boston
Gas Co.

Mr. Lawrence presented a petition of the East Boston Gas Company for authority to increase its capital stock. Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of Russell H. Conwell and others, for an increase of the salaries of the justice and clerk of the Somerville Police Court. Russell H. Conwell et al.

Mr. Merrill presented petitions of

Thomas J. Whidden and others,

Edward D. Peters and others, and

Thomas J. Whidden et al.

Edward C. Cabot and others, severally for the repeal of the act in addition to an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire, and the better preservation of life and property in Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Griffin offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:— Surgeon-General.

Ordered, That two hundred extra copies of the report of the Surgeon-General be printed for the use of that officer.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize registers of deeds to appoint assistant registers, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Register of deeds.

A bill in relation to the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company (on the petition of the same) was read and ordered to a second reading. Boston, Barre and Gardner R.R. Co.

A report of the committee on the State House, on the order relative to the raising of the windows in room No. 10, the same closing with an order, was accepted in concurrence, and it was accordingly State House.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be and he is hereby directed to raise the windows in committee room No. 10, by enlarging the same, for the purpose of giving more light and better ventilation.

A bill in relation to the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea, came up referred to the committee on Towns; and the Senate non-concurred in said reference, and the bill was committed to the committee on Education. Chelsea.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Military Affairs inquire into the expediency of amending the law in relation to granting diplomas to honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the Commonwealth. Diplomas to soldiers and sailors.

Meridian
lines.

Also, that the committee on Printing consider the expediency of authorizing the commissioner appointed by the Governor and Council to establish true meridian lines in each county of the Commonwealth, to prepare his report in detail, together with any collateral matter pertinent thereto, and submit the same in print.

Insurance.

Also, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of providing additional protection against fraudulent insurance in this Commonwealth.

Vt. & Mass.
and other
railroads.

A petition of John Foster and others, in aid of the consolidation of the Vermont and Massachusetts, the Fitchburg, and the Troy and Boston railroads, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Birds, pre-
servation of.

A petition of Elisha Holmes and others, for the repeal of so much of the acts of 1869 and 1870 as relates to the killing of black ducks and Canada geese, was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

John
Holmes et
als.

A petition of John Holmes, Jr., and others, for amendment of the laws in relation to pilotage; and

N. E. Lodge
of Odd Fel-
lows.

A petition of the New England Lodge of Odd Fellows for an act of incorporation, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Howes
Chapman et
als.

A petition of Seth Crowell and others, in aid of that of Howes Chapman and others, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Selectmen
of Arlington.

Remonstrances of

Nathan Blanchard and others, against the petition of the selectmen of Arlington; and

Geo. W.
Robinson
et als.

Abner Shed and others, against the petition of George W. Robinson and others, were severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

L. Maria
Child et als.

Petitions of

L. Maria Child and others; and

J. M.
Forbes et
als.

J. M. Forbes and others, severally that the right of suffrage may be granted to women, were referred to the joint special committee on that subject.

Severally in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, January 29, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the bill in addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government the present year, without amendment; and the same was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Appropriations.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of Henry M. Cross, reported

A bill to authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport.

Henry M. Cross.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of George A. Burr and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Workingman's Savings Bank in Florence.

Workingman's Savings Bank.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Otis H. Weed, reported

A resolve on the petition of Otis H. Weed, for confirmation of a deed and title under it; and these bills and the resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Otis H. Weed.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill fixing the salary of the clerk of the District Court of East Norfolk, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

East Norfolk.

Mr. Griffin, from the committee on Printing, on the order in relation to printing certain extra copies of the report of the Surgeon-General, reported that the same ought to be adopted; and the report, being considered, under a suspension of the rule, was accepted, and the order accordingly adopted.

Surgeon-General.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Tyngsboro' & Brookline Railroad.

Mr. Johnson, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the freight bridge of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Boston and Lowell R.R. Co.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Giles,—

Member-
ship in reli-
gious socie-
ties.

Ordered, That the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies consider whether any further legislation is necessary or expedient to define what shall constitute membership in parishes and religious societies.

Benj. D.
Dixie.

Mr. Whittle presented a petition of Benjamin D. Dixie for authority to extend his wharf in Marblehead.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

M. V. B.
Mowar et
als.

The same senator presented a petition of M. V. B. Mowar and others, for an act of incorporation as the Lynn City Horse Railroad Company.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

E. W.
James et
als.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of E. W. James and others, that the Metropolitan and Union Railroad Companies may be compelled to furnish commutation tickets and to reduce their fares.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company, and for other purposes (in a new draft);

Authorizing the New Haven and Northampton Company to increase its capital stock (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriations.

A bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature, for the compensation of the preacher of the election sermon, the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Williams
College.

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College; and

Brookline
Gas Light
Co.

A petition of the Brookline Gas Light Company for authority to increase its capital stock, were severally referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Winthrop
Railroad.

A bill to facilitate the further completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad, was read and referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Troy &
Greenfield
R.R. and
Hoosac
Tunnel.

Ordered, In concurrence, that His Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate to the General Court

any information in his possession, relative to the action of the Commissioners of the Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Hoosac Tunnel, under the 5th section of chapter 214 of the acts of the year 1863, and any other information not heretofore communicated, concerning the right of the Commonwealth in the Hoosac Tunnel and Troy and Greenfield Railroad and Southern Vermont railroads.

Also, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of amending chapter 348 of the acts of 1872, by adding a new section, with penalties sufficient to cause corporations to comply with the provisions of the act; also, that the payment for a ticket shall constitute an application, or of repealing the chapter referred to.

Cheap morning and evening trains.

A petition of Josiah Quincy and others, that the Commonwealth may take possession of the Fitchburg, and the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroads, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Josiah Quincy et al.

A petition of George O. Brastow, mayor of Somerville, for authority to fill the basins of Miller's River, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Geo. O. Brastow.

A memorial of the Insurance Commissioner asking for additional accommodations for the business of his office, was referred to the committee on the State House.

Insurance Commissioner.

A petition of the selectmen of West Boylston for the refunding of certain moneys paid to the Treasurer of the State Lunatic Hospital for the support of a state pauper, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Selectmen of West Boylston.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To extend the power of the Nickerson's Wharf Company to hold wharf property and real estate in Boston;

In relation to limited partnerships;

In relation to the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company, were read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

Confirming the location of the Old Colony Railroad from Wellfleet to Provincetown and extending the time for the construction thereof, and for other purposes.

To authorize a special meeting of the New England Moral Reform Society.

To unite the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of this state with the West Amesbury Branch Railroad Company of New Hampshire.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Thompson moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report, on the order relative to authorizing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, was accepted, and the motion being considered, the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Clark,	Dwellely,	Griffin,
Thompson.—4.		
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Banister,
Brown,	Carpenter,	Coe,
French,	Fuller,	Giles,
Griggs,	Harmon,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Merrill,	Morse,
Nye,	Packard,	Parsons,
Potter,	Stickney,	Todd,
Torrey,	Wallace,	Washburn,
Whiting,	Whittle,	Woods,
Woodwell,	Wright.—32.	

So the Senate refused to reconsider, and the report was sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, January 30, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Appropriations.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of Henry Lyon and others, reported

Charles-
town Free
Dispensary
& Hospital.

A bill to incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital: and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Contracts
with officers
of cities.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relating to the repeal of the act of last year respecting the contracts with officers of cities, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A communication was received from the commissioners of the sinking fund of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company, transmitting their annual report, and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

B. H. & E.
R. R. Co.

Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Lee and
Hudson R.
R. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of the selectmen of Halifax for the payment of armory rent.

Selectmen
of Halifax.

Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The President appointed Messrs. Morse and Harmon as the committee on the part of the Senate, on the petition of Henry Emery, the House having appointed, on its part, Messrs. Marden of Lowell, Mason of Plymouth, Sanger of Danvers, Soule of Springfield, and Haynes of Townsend.

Henry
Emery.

Papers from the House.

A report of the committee on Insurance, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Beverly Ins.
Co.

A bill to amend chapter 345 of the acts of the year 1872 to supply the city of Springfield with water was read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, in concurrence.

Springfield.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of further legislation relating to the returns of accidents by railroad corporations.

Railroad
accidents.

Also, that the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of limiting by law the aggregate amount of deposits in any one savings bank in the Commonwealth.

Sav. Bank
deposits.

A petition of C. A. Bartol and others, for authority to construct a bridge or causeway in the town of Manchester, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

C. A. Bartol
et als.

A petition of Alfred A. Stoker and petitions of William H. Hammond and Norman W. Shores, severally for the payment of state aid, were severally referred to the committee on Claims.

Alfred A.
Stoker et
als.

A petition of the city of Newburyport for authority to

Newbury-
port.

fill certain docks and execute conveyances of the same, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Hoosac Tunnel.

A remonstrance of F. Edson and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport;

To incorporate the Workingmen's Savings Bank of Florence;

To change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the District Court of East Norfolk;

Authorizing the New Haven and Northampton Company to increase its capital stock; and

Otis H. Weed.

The resolve on the petition of Otis H. Weed for confirmation of a deed and title under it, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Nickerson's Wharf Co.

The bill to extend the power of the Nickerson's Wharf Company to hold wharf property and real estate in Boston, was recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Limited partnerships.

The bill in relation to limited partnerships, was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Boston, Barre and Gardner R.R. Co.

The House bill in relation to the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, January 31, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Newburyport.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the vote whereby the Senate concurred in the reference of the petition of the city of Newburyport to the committee on Mercantile Affairs, was reconsidered; and thereupon the petition was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of the American Print Works of Fall River for authority to extend their wharf in that city. Am. Print Works.

The same senator, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the American Print Works to enlarge their wharf in Fall River, and the same was read and, with the petition, referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Clark presented a petition of G. W. Coburn and others, in aid of that of Daniel Holt and others. Daniel Holt et al.

Referred to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of Elijah H. Blake and others, that the citizens of certain towns proposed to be annexed to the city of Boston, may be authorized to vote on the question. Elijah H. Blake et al.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Weaver Osborn and others, for authority to construct a horse railway in the city of Fall River. Weaver Osborn et al.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

On motion of Mr. Brown,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries consider the expediency of restricting the right and authority of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to require fishways to be erected on streams where mill-dams have been maintained without fishways for a long term of years. Fishways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending chapter 18 section 31, of the General Statutes so that at the annual meeting, every town shall choose a moderator to hold office during the year, and be qualified as other town officers are now qualified. Town officers.

On motion of Mr. Brown,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending the laws in relation to sheriff's juries, so as to allow petitions therefor to be entered in the Superior Court in certain cases, and trials held therein. Sheriff's juries.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill empowering masters in chancery to approve bonds and authorize arrests Masters in chancery.

in any county ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,—

Orders of
the day.

Ordered, That hereafter in the consideration of the orders of the day, undebatable matters be first acted upon.

Registers of
deeds.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill to authorize registers of deeds to appoint assistant-registers, reported that the same ought to pass ; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee on the order in relation to the subject, reported

Taxation of
incomes.

A bill to abolish the taxation of incomes ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

John H.
Stark et als.

Mr. French, from the committee on Insurance, on the petition of John H. Stark and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Pilotage.

Mr. Learnard, on leave, introduced a bill concerning pilotage ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mass. Ag.
College.

A message was received from the Governor, transmitting the tenth annual report of the Massachusetts Agricultural College ; and the same was referred to the committee on Agriculture and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Woods offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing :—

1b.

Ordered, That 10,000 copies of the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College be printed, one-half of the number for the use of the trustees of the college and the remainder for the use of the Legislature.

Papers from the House.

School com-
mittees in
towns.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the expediency of amending section 16, chapter 38 of the General Statutes, by inserting in the sixth line, after the word "years," in said section, the following :—

"And in case any town shall choose a committee of three members, one of the persons chosen shall be a woman ; and when the committee chosen, consists of more than

three, not less than one-third of such committee shall be women. After the passage of this act, in filling vacancies which may occur in committees then existing, women shall be elected until they constitute one-third of the committee."

Also, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of providing that no state director in any railroad corporation of the Commonwealth shall hold or own, directly or indirectly, any stock, bonds or indebtedness in said corporation; and that ownership of such stock, bonds or indebtedness shall disqualify any such director now or hereafter to be chosen or appointed for discharging the functions of his office.

State directors in railroad corporations.

Also, that said committee consider the expediency of providing that the state director in every railroad corporation in which the Commonwealth has an interest, shall annually make to the Legislature, on or before the third Wednesday of January, a report upon the condition and business of their several roads, with such suggestions concerning the management of said roads as shall, in their judgment, best conduce to the public good.

Also, that the committee on Insurance consider what legislation, if any, is necessary to prevent life insurance companies from other states or countries, issuing in this Commonwealth, policies of such kind or form as companies chartered by this Commonwealth, are, by the laws, forbidden to issue.

Life insurance companies.

Petitions of,

Alpheus Harding and others, and

Luke Robinson and others, severally for the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Fitchburg, Vermont & Mass. and other railroad companies.

A petition of the Societal Reconstruction Association that ten hours labor may constitute a day's work; and

Societal Reconstruction Association.

A memorial of Henry Lacker and others, that the Bureau of Statistics of Labor may be continued, were referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Petitions of

John Davis and others, for the establishment of a savings bank at Methuen; and

John Davis et al.

Of the First National Bank of Adams for the refunding of a tax alleged to have been wrongfully paid, were referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

First Nat. Bank of No. Adams.

South Danvers Mut. F. Ins. Co.
Gloucester Mut. Fishing Ins. Co.

A petition of the South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company for extension of charter; and

A petition of the stockholders of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company for amendment of charter, were referred to the committee on Insurance.

George Downes.
Rowena W. Bennett et al.

A petition of George Downes for state aid was referred to the committee on Claims.

A petition of Rowena W. Bennett and another, for the refunding of a bank tax alleged to have been wrongfully paid, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Severally in concurrence.

Com. on Railways.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the report of each daily hearing before the committee on Railways upon matters relating to the consolidation of railroad lines leading from Boston to the Hoosac Tunnel, be printed for the use of the Legislature, under direction of said committee.

Westboro'.

Mr. Griggs presented a petition of a committee of the town of Westborough, for an act authorizing said town to supply itself with pure water.

Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Charles-town Free Dispensary & Hospital.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Beverly Ins. Co.

The House report on the petition of the Beverly Insurance Company was accepted in concurrence.

Contracts with officers of cities.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to repealing the act of last year respecting contracts with officers of cities was accepted.

Henry M. Cross.

The Senate bill to authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Workingmen's Savings Bank in Florence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Workingmen's Savings Bank of Florence was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Otis H. Weed.

The Senate resolve on the petition of Otis H. Weed for confirmation of a deed and title under the same was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

Bills.

To change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company, and for other purposes ;

Authorizing the New Haven and Northampton Company to increase its capital stock ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the District Court of East Norfolk, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

Relative to the qualification of commissioners for Massachusetts in other states and in the territories.

In addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government for the present year.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 1, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill empowering masters in chancery to approve bonds and authorize arrests in any county, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, on the question of rejection.

Masters in chancery.

Mr. Banister, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing certain extra copies of the report of the State Board of Health, reported that said order ought to be adopted ; and the report being considered under a suspension of the rule, was accepted, and the order accordingly adopted.

State Board of Health.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, presented a petition of Daniel Ward and others, that persons may be prohibited from taking gravel from a road between the first cliff and the main land in the town of Scituate.

Dan'l Ward et als.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Torrey, the bill to incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railroad Company, was taken from the

Fitchburg Street R.R. Co.

files of last year and referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Am. Hide
Seat Co.

The Senate bill to change the name of the American Hide Seat Company, came up concurred, with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

Fee of
jurors.

A bill to fix the fees of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Holliston.

A report of the committee on Towns, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the selectmen of Holliston, was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Intoxicating
liquors.

A bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was read and ordered to a second reading, and assigned for consideration on Thursday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Returns of
railroad cor-
porations.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways inquire whether any returns ought to be required of railroad corporations in addition to those now required by law.

Freight
lines of rail-
road.

Also, whether any legislation is necessary to prevent abuses and corruption in the management of through freight lines.

Petitions of

Northfield.

Leonard Barton and others, and

Edwin Lyman and others, in aid of that of the town of Northfield, that certain obstructions may be removed from the Connecticut River, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

A remonstrance of section 2 of the International Association of Workingmen of Boston, against the abolition of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

George N.
Townsend.

A petition of George N. Townsend for the refunding of a bank tax, wrongfully paid was referred to the committee on Claims.

Vt. & Mass.
and other
railroads.

A petition of Amasa Norcross and others, for the consolidation of certain railroads connected with the Hoosac Tunnel, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein being the bill to abolish the taxation of incomes, the same was assigned for consideration on Wednesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M. Taxation of incomes,

The House bill to authorize registers of deeds to appoint assistant-registers, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Registers of deeds.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Charlestown Free Dispensary & Hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report on the petition of John H. Stark and others was accepted. John H. Stark et al.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the mileage and compensation of the members of the Legislature, the preacher of the election sermon, the compensation of the chaplains, doorkeepers, messengers and pages of the Senate and House of Representatives, and for other purposes, (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Appropriations.
Mileage, &c.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 3, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Edward Whitney and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Boston Tow Boat Company; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading. Boston Tow Boat Co.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Suffolk,—

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of amending chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, to authorize the formation of railroad corporations, with reference to the gauge, the reduction of capital stock and other particulars. Railroad corporations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

John
McDuffie et
als.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of John McDuffie and others, that the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor may be printed as a public document, and for a further appropriation for the purposes of said bureau; and

Charles R.
Blaisdell.

Mr. Clark presented a memorial of Charles R. Blaisdell, relative to an investigation into the relations of labor to capital; and

E. M. Cham-
berlain et
als.

Mr. Jacobs, a petition of E. M. Chamberlain and others, that the Bureau of Statistics of Labor may be authorized to report in print.

Severally referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

James M.
Wightman.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of James M. Wightman for the refunding of a bank tax paid a second time.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Winchester
Water Com-
mittee.

Mr. Coe presented a petition of the Winchester Water Committee for an amendment of the act for supplying said town with water.

Referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Boston,
Lynn &
Peabody
Railway Co.

Mr. Whittle presented a petition of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company for amendment of charter.

Referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mass. Ag.
College.

Mr. Banister, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing certain extra copies of the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, reported that said order ought to be adopted; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To authorize the town of Plymouth to take stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company (on the petition of William T. Davis and others);

To incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company and to authorize the consolidation of railroads between New Bedford and Fitchburg, and for other purposes (in a new draft) were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills,

Bills.

To authorize the town of Braintree to raise \$20,000 for the Thayer Academy ;

To limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk ;

In relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1872 and previous years, and for other purposes ; and

Appropriations.

A resolve in relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways inquire whether any legislation is necessary in relation to the charges for the transportation of freight upon railroads, made in violation of chapter 363 of the acts of the year 1871.

Freight charges on railroads.

Also, that the committee on Federal Relations inquire into the expediency of instructing our senators and requesting our representatives in Congress to secure to the struggling patriots of Cuba, the recognition of their belligerent rights.

Recognition of belligerent rights of Cubans.

A petition of George W. Johnson and others, that the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad may be extended to the Rhode Island State line, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Geo. W. Johnson et al.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order in relation to authorizing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, came up non-concurred in the acceptance thereof, and referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question ; and the Senate non-concurred in the reference, and the report was returned to the House.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill empowering masters in chancery to approve bonds and authorize arrests in any county was passed over.

Masters in chancery.

The report on the petition of the selectmen of Holliston, was accepted in concurrence.

Holliston.

The House bill to authorize each register of deeds to appoint an assistant-register, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Registers of deeds.

The annual report of the Commissioners of Prisons,

Commissioners of Prisons.

was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Prisons.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Am. Print
Works.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the American Print Works, reported

A bill to authorize the American Print Works to enlarge their wharf in Fall River.

Union pas-
senger sta-
tion in Wor-
cester.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, reported

A bill in addition to an act to provide for a union passenger station and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Board of
Harbor
Commis-
sioners.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:

Ordered, That 3,000 extra copies of the seventh annual report of the Board of Harbor Commissioners be printed, five hundred copies to be delivered to the board for its use, and the residue to be for the use of the Legislature.

Probate
courts.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Worcester,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery be instructed to inquire what changes, if any, are necessary in the laws in relation to the expenses of the probate courts in the several counties in the Commonwealth.

Horatio N.
Eddy et al.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Horatio N. Eddy and others, that the town of Somerset may be authorized to exempt certain property from taxation.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Harmon presented a petition of William Hinchcliffe and others, that the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, may be authorized to report in print. Laid on the table.

R. Ball &
Co. et al.

Mr. Clark presented a petition of R. Ball and Company and others, for an appropriation in aid of the Vienna Ex-

position and for the appointment of a commissioner to attend the same.

Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A resolve concerning the laws affecting pilotage at "Hell Gate" in New York Harbor was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Pilotage.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of modifying the laws relating to the taxation of bank shares held by insurance corporations paying a franchise tax; and also of modifying the franchise tax, so far as the same relates to such corporations. Taxation of bank shares.

Also, that the committee on Manufactures inquire into the expediency of so amending the laws concerning hawkers and peddlers, that citizens of this Commonwealth may be allowed to peddle goods and wares of their own manufacture. Hawkers & peddlers.

Also, that the committee on Banks and Banking inquire whether any further legislation is necessary in relation to savings banks and trust companies in this Commonwealth. Sav. banks.

The annual report of the Inspector of Gas and Gas-meters, was referred to the committee on Manufactures. Inspector of gas and gas meters.

A remonstrance of J. L. Nash and others, against the petition of Washington Reed and others; and Washington Reed et al.

A petition of the selectmen of Edgartown for authority to purchase Mattakeesett Creeks; also for the repeal of the act to protect the South Beach in the town of Edgartown, were referred to the committee on Towns. Edgartown.

A petition of Avery Plumer and others, for an act of incorporation as the Commercial Exchange and Building Company, and for other purposes, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Avery Plumer et al.

A petition of Denny, Rice and Gardner and others, in aid of the consolidation of the Vermont and Massachusetts, the Fitchburg and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Companies, was referred to the committee on Railways. Vt. & Mass. and other railroads.

A remonstrance of the Anti-Woman Suffrage Association, against granting the right of suffrage to women was referred to the joint special committee on Female Suffrage. Female suffrage.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

A petition of David O. Allen and others, that the powers of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor may be extended, and for a further grant of money in aid of the same, was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Vine Brook.

A remonstrance of the selectmen and others of Andover; and

A remonstrance of Isaac O. Blunt and others of Ballardvale, severally against the taking of water from Vine Brook, were referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To incorporate the Boston Tow Boat Company;
To incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company, and to authorize the consolidation of railroads between New Bedford and Fitchburg, and for other purposes;

Authorizing the town of Plymouth to take stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Mass. Ag.
College.

The report on the order relative to printing certain extra copies of the report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was accepted and the order accordingly adopted.

Masters in
chancery.

The bill empowering masters in chancery to approve bonds and authorize arrests in any county was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

U. S. pris-
oners.

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons inquire whether any legislation is required to prevent United States prisoners confined in county prisons, from having different and greater privileges than other prisoners.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

E. M. Cham-
berlain et
als.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of E. M. Chamberlain and others in relation to the preservation of evidence

given before committees, in such hearings as may be had before them.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harmon presented a petition of the selectmen of Nahant. Nahant for authority to take land and construct a wharf in said town.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Merrill presented a petition of Lemuel Kingsbury, Lemuel Kingsbury. for the refunding of a bank tax paid twice.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Harmon, the petition of William Hinchcliffe and others was taken from the table and referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question. Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Papers from the House.

A resolve authorizing payment for certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the State Prison, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Inspectors of the State Prison.

Bills,

Bills.

To limit the capital of gas light corporations ;

To establish a grade in the town of Brookline, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to allow the Somerset Humane and Religious Society to hold a meeting for the choice of officers (on the petition of Daniel B. Eddy and others), was read and ordered to a second reading. Somerset Humane & Religious Society.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Liquor Law consider the expediency of amending section 29 of chapter 415 of the acts of the year 1869, by striking out the last clause thereof. Liquor law.

A report of the committee on Insurance, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Worcester Mut. Fire Ins. Co.

A petition of William Marks and others, that the Bureau of Statistics of Labor may be authorized to print its als. William Marks et als.

reports as public documents, that its powers may be enlarged, the appropriation for the same increased, and the enactment of a ten hour law, was referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Isaac S.
Burrill.

A petition of Isaac S. Burrill and others, for compensation for attendance at a military encampment in the year 1872, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

C. R. Ford
et al.

A petition of C. R. Ford and others of North Bridgewater, for authority to take a portion of a burial ground for public purposes, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Northfield.

A petition of J. F. Bridge and others, in aid of that of the town of Northfield for the removal of certain obstructions in the Connecticut River, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Vt. & Mass.
and other
railroads.

A remonstrance of C. H. Read and others, against the consolidation of any roads with the Hoosac Tunnel, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, the two branches met in

Convention

Directors of
Boston and
Albany R.
R. Corp'n.

For the purpose of choosing two directors on the part of the Commonwealth, of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation;

And Messrs. Whittle and Lobdell of the Senate, and Messrs. Granger of Boston, Blunt of Haverhill, Kendrick of Worcester, and Black of Taunton of the House, were appointed a committee to collect, assort and count the votes therefor.

And the votes having been collected, assorted and counted, it appeared that no choice had been made.

And thereupon the same committee were directed to receive, assort and count the votes a second time.

And the committee having attended to the duty assigned them, Mr. Whittle submitted a report thereon, by which it appeared that the Hon. Moses Kimball of Boston was elected.

And the convention thereupon proceeded to the election of a second director; and the votes having been collected, assorted and counted by the same committee, it appeared that Hon. Erastus P. Carpenter of Foxborough, was elected.

And the two branches separated.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1873.

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The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To authorize the American Print Works to enlarge their wharf in Fall River ;

In addition to an act to provide for a union passenger station, and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Boston Tow Boat Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Boston Tow Boat Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills, Bills.

To incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company and to authorize the consolidation of railroads between New Bedford and Fitchburg and for other purposes ;

Authorizing the town of Plymouth to take stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to abolish the taxation of incomes ; but without action thereon, the same hour to-morrow was assigned for the same purpose. Taxation of incomes.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1872 and previous years, and for other purposes ; and Appropriations.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the resolve in relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts ; and Provincial Laws of Mass.

Mr. Whittle, from the same committee, on the resolve to authorize payment for certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the State Prison ; and Inspectors of the State Prison.

Mr. Whiting, from the committee on Manufactures, on the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company, severally reported that the bills Holyoke Water Power Co.

and resolve ought to pass ; and they were severally ordered to a second reading.

Divorce.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to divorce ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Morse,—

Liquor law.

Ordered, That the joint special committee on the Liquor Law consider and report what changes, if any, should be made in the present liquor law, so far as it relates to sales by apothecaries.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Inspectors
of the State
Prison.

Ordered, That the joint standing committee on Prisons inquire whether it is expedient to amend chapter 307 of the acts of 1864, so that the inspectors of the State Prison shall make their annual report, at the same time required of the inspectors and trustees of other state institutions.

S. G. Davis
et al.

The same senator presented a petition of S. G. Davis and others, for the annexation of the city of Cambridge to the city of Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Public
Steam Sup-
ply Co.

Mr. Whiting presented a petition of Alpheus Hardy and others, in aid of the passage of the bill to incorporate the Public Steam Supply Company.

Referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Appropriations.

A bill making appropriations for expenses of the state almshouse, the state prison, state reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the Bridgewater workhouse, the state primary school at Monson, and for other purposes, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Williamstown
and
Hancock
R.R. Co.

A bill to amend chapter 242 of the acts of 1869, to revive the charter of the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company, otherwise called the Lebanon Springs Railroad Company, and for other purposes, was read and referred to the committee on Railways in concurrence.

Fees for admission
to the state
prison.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the taking of fees for admission to the state prison.

State house.

Also, that the committee on the State House consider

the expediency of enlarging the window in room No. 9 west wing of the state house.

Also, that the attorney-general be instructed to represent the Commonwealth upon all hearings before the committee on Railway, in which the interests or property of the Commonwealth in the Hoosac Tunnel are involved; and to employ suitable counsel to represent such interests and property at the hearings, if his official engagements prevent his attendance in person.

Attorney-General.

A petition of George D. Marland and others for an additional appropriation in aid of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

A petition of the Wamesit Water Power Company for authority to contract with other corporations for insurance, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Wamesit Water Power Co.

A petition of Joseph Perkins and others; and

Pilotage.

A petition of Benjamin H. Fabens and others, severally for amendment of the laws in relation to pilotage, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

A petition of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary for a grant of money was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

A petition of J. F. Dodge and others; and

J. F. Dodge et als.

A petition of Owen Bearse, severally for authority to build a wharf on the easterly side of Neponset River, were referred to the committee on Harbors.

Owen Bearse.

A petition of N. C. Osgood and others, that the town of Salisbury may be authorized to reëstablish the school district system in said town, was referred to the committee on Education.

N. C. Osgood et als.

A petition of General George H. Pierson and staff officers; and

Gen. Geo. H. Pierson et als.

A petition of General R. H. Chamberlain and staff officers, severally for compensation for certain military services at an encampment in the year 1872, were referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Gen. R. H. Chamberlain.

Petitions of

Isaiah G. Whiton and others;

Lemuel Baxter et als.

Joseph W. Robertson and others; and

C. Sampson and others, severally in aid of that of Lemuel Baxter and others, were referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Vermont &
Mass. and
other rail-
roads.

A petition of the Washburn and Moen Manufacturing Company and others, in aid of the consolidation of certain railroads connecting with the Hoosac Tunnel; and

Remonstrances of

Francis Brigham and others; and

George M. Buttrick and others, severally against such consolidation or the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to authorizing the Bureau of Statistics of Labor to report in print, came up, and the House insists on its reference to the committee on the Labor Question; and the same was laid on the table.

Somerset
Humane &
Religious
Society.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill authorizing a meeting of the Somerset Humane and Religious Society, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Am. Print
Works.

The Senate bill to authorize the American Print Works to enlarge their wharf in Fall River, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Union pas-
senger sta-
tion in Wor-
cester.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to provide for a union passenger station, and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester, was read a third time and amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Intoxicating
liquor.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; and the same was read a second time, whereupon Mr. Merrill moved the further consideration thereof be assigned for Wednesday, February 19, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

And the question on the motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,
Brown,
Fuller,
Jacobs,
Learnard,
Packard,
Washburn,
Woods.—22.

Baker,
Carpenter,
Griffin,
Johnson, R.
Merrill,
Potter,
Whiting,

Banister,
French,
Harmon,
Lawrence,
Morse,
Stickney,
Whittle,

NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft, Clark, Coe,
Dwelle, Giles, Griggs,
Johnson, N. L., Parsons, Thompson,
Wallace.—10.

So the motion was carried in the affirmative.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To change the name of the American Hide Seat Company.

To unite the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation and the Stoughton Branch Railroad Company.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the District Court of East Norfolk.

To change the name of the Athol and Enfield Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

Authorizing the New Haven and Northampton Company to increase its capital stock.

In relation to the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Company.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Coe,—

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Senate be directed to give notice to Hon. Messrs. Moses Kimball and Erastus P. Carpenter, that they have been duly elected directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation on the part of the Commonwealth for the term of two years.

Directors of the Boston & Albany R.R. Corp.

Also, that he be directed to give notice to the clerk of said corporation of the election of the above-named gentlemen.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill relating to the par value of shares in corporations, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Par value of shares in corporations. Bible in public schools.

A report of the committee on Education, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to amendment

of the laws respecting the reading of the Bible in the public schools, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

First Nat'l
Bank of
Adams.

A report of the committee on Banks and Banking, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the First National Bank of Adams, and that the same be referred to the committee on Claims, was accepted in concurrence.

Galen
Willis.
Sally Spald-
ing.

Petitions of
Galen Willis; and
Sally Spalding, severally for the reimbursement of a bank tax alleged to have been twice paid, were referred to the committee on Claims.

Cook
Borden.
Barnabas
Clark.

Petitions of
Cook Borden; and
Barnabas Clark, severally for authority to extend or build a wharf in the city of Fall River, were referred to the committee on Harbors.

Sullivan L.
Ward.

A petition of Sullivan L. Ward of Lowell, that the Commonwealth may be authorized to examine and, if found suitable, purchase a certain part of his land for the location of a state prison, was referred to the committee on Prisons.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

A memorial of certain journeymen painters of Boston in relation to the perpetuation of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

John C.
Hoadley et
als.

A remonstrance of W. H. Salisbury and others, against the petition of John C. Hoadley and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

William L.
Reed et als.

Petitions of
George E. Hersey and others; and
Calvin Reed and others, severally in aid of that of William L. Reed and others, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Vermont &
Mass. and
other rail-
roads.

A remonstrance of Henry P. Shattuck and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or the consolidation of certain railroads leading thereto; also

Remonstrances of

Charles W. White and others; and

William A. Morey and others, severally against the same, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Winthrop
R.R. Co.

A petition of the Winthrop Railroad Company for au-

thority to mortgage its property and issue bonds, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Fuller,—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of directing the Sergeant-at-Arms to contract with three newspapers in the city of Boston for the printing of the advertisements of the Legislature. Legislative advertisements.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company, was read a second time, amended on motion of Mr. Whiting and ordered to a third reading. Holyoke Water Power Co.

The resolves

Resolves.

In relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts ;

Authorizing the payment for certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the State Prison, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House bill making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1872, and previous years and for other purposes, was read a second and third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Appropriations.

The House bill authorizing a meeting of the Somerset Humane and Religious Society, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Somerset Humane & Religious Society.

Pursuant to assignment the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to abolish the taxation of incomes, and the same was read a second time. Mr. Fuller making a motion to recommit the same, the motion was rejected ; and the question on ordering the bill to a third reading was determined as follows, to wit :— Taxation of incomes.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Banister,
Carpenter,	French,	Giles,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Harmon,
Lawrence,	Learnard,	Learned,
Merrill,	Stickney,	Torrey,
Wright.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Dwelley,	Fuller,	Packard,
Parsons,	Thompson.—5.	

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

An engrossed bill to authorize each register of deeds to appoint an assistant register (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Registers of deeds.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced
Bills,Framing-
ham & Low-
ell R.R.
Boston,
Clinton &
Fitchburg
R.R.To extend the time for the location and construction of
the Framingham and Lowell Railroad;To confirm the location of a portion of the Boston,
Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framing-
ham; and these bills were severally read and referred to
the committee on Railways.So. Boston
R.R. Co.Mr. Johnson, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize
the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital
stock; and the same was read and referred to the com-
mittee on Horse Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Report of
Harbor
Commissioners.Mr. Banister, from the committee on Printing, on the
order relative to printing extra copies of the report of the
Board of Harbor Commissioners, reported that the same
ought to be adopted; and the report was read and placed
in the orders of the day for Monday.C. F.
Hodges et
als.Mr. Potter presented a petition of C. F. Hodges and
others for the establishment of an insurance department
to be conducted and controlled by the Commonwealth.

Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Sarah W.
Hale.Mr. Torrey presented a petition of Sarah W. Hale for
confirmation of certain deed given by Ebenezer Hale and
herself.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Wm. Lewis.

A bill to authorize William Lewis to extend a wharf in
Vineyard Haven (on the petition of the same) was referred
to the committee on Harbors.Lynn Gas
Light Co.A bill to amend chapter 35 of the acts of 1853 to incor-
porate the Lynn Gas Light Company, was referred to the
committee on Mercantile Affairs.Truant chil-
dren.A bill in addition to an act concerning truant children
and absentees from schools, was referred to the committee
on Education.

Severally in concurrence.

A communication from the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture, covering a copy of a vote of said board in favor of an additional grant to the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, was referred to the committee on Education. Board of Agriculture.

A communication from the same, by authority of the same, urging legislation in relation to commercial fertilizers, was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

A petition of T. Cushing and others, for a loan of arms to the Chauncy Street School, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. T. Cushing.

A petition of the mayor and city council of Haverhill for authority to build a wharf on the south side of Washington Square; and Haverhill.

A remonstrance of the town of Gloucester against the petition of Robert Hooper and others, were referred to the committee on Harbors. Robert Hooper et al.

A petition of H. B. Maglathlin and others, that the Bureau of Statistics of Labor may be authorized to report in print, was referred to the committee on Labor. H. B. Maglathlin et al.

A petition of Harris Gleason and others, for the refunding of money paid as commutation by drafted men during the rebellion, was referred to the committee on Claims. Harris Gleason et al.

A petition of Varnum Corliss and others, in aid of that of John Davis and others, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Varnum Corliss et al.

A petition of the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company for authority to lease its road, and for other purposes, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Newburyport and Amesbury R.R. Co.

Petitions of

J. L. Miller and others, and

Vermont & Mass. and other railroads.

Coffin and Magee and others, severally for the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts, Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the report on the order in relation to the reading of the Bible in the public schools was accepted in concurrence. Bible in public schools.

The bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company was laid on the table. Holyoke Water Power Co.

The House resolves

Resolves.

In relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts;

Authorizing payment for certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the State Prison, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Taxation of incomes.

The bill to abolish the taxation of incomes was assigned for consideration on Thursday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Henry Emery.

A communication was received from Hon. Newton Morse resigning his place as a member of the joint special committee on the petition of Henry Emery.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the city of Boston, reported

Physicians' certificates of death.

A bill concerning physicians' certificates of death; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Henry Wilson.

A message was received from the Governor transmitting a communication from the Hon. Henry Wilson resigning his seat as a senator in the Congress of the United States, the same to take effect on the 3d day of March next.

Read and sent down.

On motion of Mr. Harmon,—

Senator in the Congress of the U. S.

Ordered, That Tuesday the 11th day of March next at 2½ o'clock, P. M., be assigned for the choice of a senator in the Congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy in the unexpired term, occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Henry Wilson.

Boston and Charlestown.

Mr. Lawrence presented petitions of

A. E. Cutler and others, and

F. O. Reed and others, severally for the union of the cities of Boston and Charlestown.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Vermont & Mass. and other railroads.

Mr. Clark presented a remonstrance of George Stevens and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel to any parties.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Henry Carter.

Mr. Harmon presented a petition of Henry Carter for

an increase of salary as a justice of the police court of Haverhill.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

The Senate bill to authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport, came up concurred with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

Henry M. Cross.

A bill to authorize Benjamin D. Dixie to extend his wharf in Marblehead (on the petition of the same); and

Benjamin D. Dixie.

A resolve granting diplomas to honorably discharged sailors and soldiers of the Commonwealth (on the order in relation to the subject), were read and ordered to a second reading.

Diplomas to soldiers and sailors.

A report of the committee on Expenditures, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to regulating the width of the tires of vehicles, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Width of tires of vehicles.

A resolve to pay certain bounties to agricultural societies was referred in concurrence to the committee on Agriculture.

Agricultural societies.

A report on the petition of F. O. Dewey and others, (from the files of last year), was referred in concurrence to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

F. O. Dewey et alia.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize William Lewis to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Wm. Lewis.

The report of the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing certain extra copies of the report of the Harbor Commissioners was accepted, and the order accordingly adopted.

Report of the Harbor Commissioners.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the New Bedford Railroad Company and to authorize the consolidation of railroads between Fitchburg and New Bedford, and for other purposes (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted, and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

New Bedford R.R. Co.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Fitchburg. Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt and to issue additional scrip; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Chas. L. Lovering et al. Mr. Brown presented a petition of Charles L. Lovering and others, for the repeal of the law requiring fishways to be constructed by certain manufacturing companies on Mill River in Taunton.

Referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

H. N. Holbrook et al. Mr. Jacobs presented a petition of H. N. Holbrook and others for authority to construct a bridge across Neponset River.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

First Parish in Newbury. Mr. Woodwell presented a petition of the First Parish in Newbury, for leave to sell certain real estate.

Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

H. N. Eddy et al. Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Daniel P. Davis and others, in aid of that of H. N. Eddy and others.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

*Papers from the House.***Bills,****Bills,**

To increase the capital stock of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the trustees of the Smith Charities to hold additional real estate (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Gloucester. A report of the committee on Insurance, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Gloucester, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Bureau of Statistics of Labor be requested to furnish a copy of their forthcoming report to the committee on Labor at the earliest convenient period of time.

A bill to amend chapter 120 of the acts of 1872, relating to the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

A petition of the town of Truro for authority to loan its credit to encourage manufactures was referred to the committee on Manufactures. Truro.

A petition of D. H. Smith and others, that the village of East Attleborough may be authorized to supply itself with water was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. D. H. Smith et alia.

Remonstrances of

C. P. Johnson and others ;

A. A. Lamprey and others ; and

C. T. Moore and others, severally against the petition of J. C. Hoadley and others, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. J. C. Hoadley et alia.

A remonstrance of James D. Walker and others, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with the Vermont and Massachusetts, the Fitchburg, the Troy and Greenfield and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies ; and Vermont & Mass. and other railroads.

A communication from the Board of Agriculture concerning the tariffs of freights upon railroads, were referred to the committee on Railways. Board of Agriculture.

Petitions of

Charles Wheelock and others ;

Joel M. Baker and others ;

Joseph Day and others ; and

Mary C. Wheelock and others, severally for reimbursement of taxes on bank shares, alleged to have been wrongfully paid, were referred to the committee on Claims. Bank shares.

Severally in concurrence.

The President appointed Mr. Dwelley on the joint special committee on the petition of Henry Emery ; and the committee now consists of Messrs. Harmon and Dwelley. Henry Emery.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize Benjamin D. Dixie to extend his wharf in Marblehead ; Bills.

Concerning physicians' certificates of death, were severally read a second time, the latter amended, and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve to provide for testimonials to certain persons appointed in the navy was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Soldiers' diplomas.

Wm. Lewis.

The House bill to authorize William Lewis to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Width of
tires used
on vehicles.

The report, on the order relative to the width of tires used on vehicles was accepted in concurrence.

Holyoke
Water Pow-
er Co.

The bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Duxbury &
Cohasset
R.R. Co.

An engrossed bill authorizing the town of Plymouth to take stock in the Duxbury and Cohasset Railroad Company (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Steam Sup-
ply Co.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on Manufactures, on the bill to incorporate the Steam Supply Company, reported said bill in a new draft.

Boston and
Philadel-
phia S.S.
Co.

Mr. Todd, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs submitted a similar report on the bill to incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Gas light
companies.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to limit the capital of gas light companies; and

Jurors at-
tending be-
fore sheriff,
fee of.

Mr. Wright, from the same committee, on the bill to fix the fee of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff; and

Jurors in
the county
of Suffolk.

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the bill to limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk; and

Par value of
shares in
corporations.
Appropriations.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on the bill relating to the par value of shares in corporations; and

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill making appropriations for the expenses of the state almshouse, the state prison, the reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the Bridge-water workhouse, the state primary school at Monson, and for other purposes, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were severally ordered to a second reading.

Report of
the Commis-

Mr. Bancroft, from the committee on Public Lands, on

the annual report of the Commissioners on Public Lands, reported that legislation is unnecessary thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A communication was received from the Railroad Commissioners, transmitting their fourth annual report; and the same was referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to incorporate the Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association (on the petition of Marvin Lincoln and others), was read and ordered to a second reading.

A resolve providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the construction of the Hoosac Tunnel, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

A bill relating to bonds of trustees under wills was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Boston Tow Boat Company, came up concurred, with an amendment which was adopted in concurrence.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education consider the propriety and expediency of so amending the law with regard to providing the pupils in the public schools with text-books, that all pupils shall be furnished with all necessary text-books and apparatus, at the expense of each city or town.

A petition of Noah C. Perkins and others, for the establishment of a savings bank in the town of Middleborough, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

A petition of Benjamin Wheeler and Henry Cook for reimbursement of a bank tax alleged to have been twice paid; and

A petition of Edward J. Jones for reimbursement of expenses incurred in an investigation before a committee of the Legislature, was referred to the committee on Claims.

A petition of Frederick A. Pickering and others for a change in the laws respecting pilotage; and

A petition of Edwin Chase and others for authority to maintain a boom across the Connecticut River, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Commissioners on Public Lands.

Report of the Railroad Commissioners.

Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Bonds of trustees under wills.

Boston Tow Boat Co.

Text-books in public schools.

Noah C. Perkins et al.

Benjamin Wheeler et al.

Edward J. Jones.

Frederick A. Pickering.

Edw. Chase et al.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Petitions of,
Thomas Marsh and others ;
John T. Lewis and others ; and

C. C. Moore and others, severally for the enlargement of the powers of and the increase of appropriation in aid of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, were referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Recognition
of belliger-
ent rights of
Cuban pa-
triotis.

A petition of A. R. Lewis and others, that the members of Congress from Massachusetts may be instructed to urge the recognition of the belligerent rights of the Cuban patriots, was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Vermont &
Mass. and
other rail-
roads.

A petition of Henry A. Buddington and others, in favor of ; and

Remonstrances of
William Chuster and others, and

C. H. Wells and others, severally against the consolidation of certain railroads with the Hoosac Tunnel, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Worcester
& Shrews-
bury R.R.
Co.

A petition of E. B. Stoddard in behalf of the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company for additional right to locate in the city of Worcester, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To amend an act to incorporate the trustees of the Smith Charities ;

To increase the capital stock and change the name of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House report on the petition of the town of Gloucester, was accepted in concurrence.

Benjamin
D. Dixie.

The House bill to authorize Benjamin D. Dixie to extend his wharf in Marblehead ; and

Soldiers'
diplomas.

The House resolve to provide for testimonials to certain persons appointed in the navy, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Physicians'
certificates
of death.

The Senate bill concerning physicians' certificates of death was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Holyoke
Water Pow-
er Co.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company, was passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To incorporate the Workingmen's Savings Bank in Florence.

To incorporate the Charlestown Free Dispensary and Hospital.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 13, 1871.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act concerning dogs; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Dogs.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the term of service of moderators, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Moderators.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of E. M. Chamberlain and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

E. M. Chamberlain et als.

Mr. Torrey, from said committee, on the bill in relation to divorce, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Divorce.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs, the report of the committee on Claims on the petition of Charles Burleigh, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Claims.

Charles Burleigh.

Mr. Fuller presented petitions of Samuel Walker and others; and

Charles-town to Boston.

William A. Webster and others, severally for the annexation of the city of Charlestown to the city of Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:

Report of the Railroad Commissioners.

Ordered, That three thousand extra copies of the annual report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners be printed.

Papers from the House.

- Am. Print Works.** The Senate bill to authorize the American Print Works to extend their wharf in Fall River, came up concurred, with certain amendments which were adopted in concurrence.
- Appropriations.** A bill in further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year, was referred to the committee on the Treasury.
- Directors of railroad corporations.** *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of providing that directors of railroad corporations shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council.
- State House.** Also, that the committee on the State House consider the expediency of enlarging the side windows in room No. 8, west wing of the state house.
- Spain.** A resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, was read and referred to the committee on Federal Relations.
- James H. Look.** A petition of James H. Look for compensation for illegal arrest and imprisonment by a state constable; and
- Nancy Pearsons.** A petition of Nancy Pearsons for reimbursement of a bank tax alleged to have been twice paid; and
- E. S. Hawks.** A petition of E. S. Hawks of Adams for compensation for labor and materials furnished for the Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company, were severally referred to the committee on Claims.
- Hoosac Tunnel.** A remonstrance of Sumner Southworth and others, against the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with certain railroads connecting therewith, was referred to the committee on Railways.
- R. R. Freeman et als.** A petition of R. R. Freeman and others, for a change of the laws relative to pilotage, was referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.
- Willard Sears et als.** A petition of Willard Sears and others, for an act of incorporation as the Widows' and Orphans' Savings Bank in Boston, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.
- Charlestown to Boston.** A petition of Benjamin F. Stacey and others, for the annexation of the city of Charlestown to the city of Boston, was referred to the committee on Towns.
- Citizens' Mut. Ins. Co.** A petition of S. W. Trowbridge, in behalf of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company, for amendment of charter, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company ;

To incorporate the Steam Supply Company ;

To incorporate the Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

To fix the fee of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff ;

To limit the capital of gas light corporations ;

To limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk ;

Relating to the par value of shares in corporations ;

Making appropriations for expenses of the state almshouse, the state prison, the reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the Bridgewater workhouse, the state primary school at Monson, and for other purposes, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The report on the annual report of the Commissioners on Public Lands, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Report of the Commissioners on Public Lands.

The House bill to amend an act to incorporate the trustees of the Smith Charities ; and

Smith Charities.

The House bill to increase the capital stock and change the name of the New York Steam Propeller Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

New York Steam Propeller Co.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to abolish the taxation of incomes ; and the same was read a third time.

Taxation of incomes.

Whereupon Mr. Parsons rose to a point of order, which being stated was, that the provisions of the bill were in conflict with article 7 of section 3 of the constitution, which requires that all money bills shall originate in the House of Representatives.

The President ruled that the point of order was not well taken.

Thereupon, Mr. Parsons appealed from the decision of of the chair ; and the question being stated :—" Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Senate ?" the vote was taken and it was carried in the affirmative ; so the decision of the chair was sustained.

The question then being on ordering the bill to be engrossed, it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Carpenter,
Clark,	French,	Giles,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, N. L.,	Lawrence,
Learnard,	Learned,	Lobdell,
Merrill,	Potter,	Todd,
Torrey,	Washburn,	Whiting,
Whittle,	Woods.—23.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Dwelley,	Fuller,	Morse,
Nye,	Packard,	Parsons,
Thompson,	Wallace,	Woodwell.—9.

So the bill passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

Physicians'
certificates
of death.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs, the vote whereby the bill concerning physicians' certificates of death passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and thereupon the same senator proposed a substitute therefor, which was read, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

West Boylston.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of the town of West Boylston, reported

A resolve in favor of the town of West Boylston; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Dogs.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Brookline.

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the bill to establish a grade in the town of Brookline, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Suffolk,—

Hoosac
Tunnel and
Troy and
Greenfield
R.R.

Ordered, That the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad be authorized to visit the tunnel and railroad for the purpose of examining into the condition and progress of the work.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Giles presented a petition of John Bigelow and others, for amendment of the act of 1869, regarding interest on loans. John Bigelow et als.

Referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Mr. Jacobs presented a petition of William Henry Dalton for reimbursement of taxes paid on certain bank shares. Wm. Henry Dalton.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Harmon presented a petition of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company for renewal of charter. Merrimack Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

Referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A report of the committee on the State House, on the order in relation to certain repairs in room No. 9 of the west wing, with an order, was read, and under a suspension of the rule, accepted in concurrence, and it was accordingly State House.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to enlarge the windows in room No. 9 west wing.

A bill to authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors. Medford.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Railways inquire if any further legislation is necessary to secure uniformity in the annual returns of railroad corporations. Railroad corporations, returns of.

Petitions of

M. E. Hale and others; and

E. G. Kelley and others, severally for authority to fill certain flats and build breast-works along the edge of the channel in Merrimack River; and M. E. Hale et als.
E. G. Kelley et als.

A remonstrance of William T. Hall and others, against the petition of the Boston Land Company, were referred to the committee on Harbors. Boston Land Co.

A petition of the Gardner Young Men's Christian Association for an act of incorporation, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. Gardner Young Men's Christian Ass'n.

A petition of Henry Closson and others, for the continuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, was referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question. Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Thos. J.
Elliott et als.

A petition of Thomas J. Elliott and others, for the union of the cities of Boston and Charlestown, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Woburn.

A petition of the town of Woburn for authority to raise additional water scrip, was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

H. N. Hol-
land et als.

A petition of John J. Soren and others, in aid of that of H. N. Holland and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Vermont
and Mass.
and other
railroads,
consolida-
tion of.
Ib.

A petition of Addington D. Welch and others, in favor of the union of certain railroad companies whose roads lead from Boston to the Hoosac Tunnel; and

A remonstrance of G. W. Nottingham and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Divorce.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in relation to divorce, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Moderators
of town
meetings.

The reports, on the order relative to the term of service of moderators of town meetings; and

E. M. Cham-
berlain.

On the petition of E. M. Chamberlain, were accepted.

Boston and
Philadel-
phia S.S.Co.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Steam Sup-
ply Co.

The bill to incorporate the Steam Supply Company was passed over.

Bills.

The House bills,

The incorporate the Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association;

To limit the capital of gas light corporations;

To limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk;

Relating to the par value of shares in corporations;

Making appropriations for the expenses of the state almshouse, the state prison, the reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the state primary school at Monson, and for other purposes, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Fees of ju-
rors attend-
ing before a
sheriff.

The House bill to fix the fee of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill concerning physicians' certificates of death, was laid on the table. Physicians' certificates of death.

On motion, the vote whereby the bill to limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule. Jurors in the county of Suffolk.

Mr. Packard proposed an amendment to the bill, pending the consideration of which, the bill was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:— Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To authorize Henry M. Cross to extend his wharf in Newburyport.

Authorizing a meeting of the Somerset Religious and Humane Society.

Making additional appropriations for certain expenses authorized in the year 1872, and previous years, and for other purposes.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

In relation to the Provincial Laws of Massachusetts.

Authorizing the payment for certain expenses incurred by the inspectors of the state prison.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Nathaniel Freeman, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Nathaniel Freeman.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, February 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Learned presented a petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation for extension of time within which to pay certain sums fixed by contract in the year 1869 with the Commonwealth. Boston and Albany R. R. Corp'n.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Parsons presented a remonstrance of Joshua E. Crane and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its consolidation with any railroad corporation. Vt. & Mass. and other railroads, consolidation of with Hoosac Tunnel.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

F. O. Dewey
et als.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of Pliny Earle and others, in aid of that of F. O. Dewey and others for the establishment of an asylum for insane persons, made such by intemperance.

Referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Edw. Crane
et als.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk presented a petition of Edward Crane and associates, for an act of incorporation as the Atlantic and Ontario Railway Trust Company.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced bills,

To amend chapter 26 of the General Statutes in relation to the public health;

To prevent the spreading of contagious disease; and the same were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Braintree.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to authorize the town of Braintree to raise twenty thousand dollars for the Thayer Academy, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Post-offices,
lands for.

A bill concerning jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Taxes over-
paid by in-
surance
agents, re-
imburse-
ment of.
Cambridge.

A resolve for the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

A report of the committee on Towns, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Cambridge for the annexation of certain portions of Belmont and Watertown to said city, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

False im-
prisonment,
compensa-
tion of.

A bill in relation to compensation for false imprisonment came up referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions; and the Senate non-concurred in the reference, and the same was referred to the committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing 1,000 extra

copies of the reports of the hearings before the committee on Railways, on the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with certain railroads.

A petition of the Massachusetts Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals for legislation to prevent the overloading of horse cars, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Mass. Soc.
for the Pre-
vention of
Cruelty to
Animals.

A petition of Joseph H. Cotton and others, for the union of the cities of Boston and Charlestown, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Boston and
Charles-
town.

Remonstrances of

R. A. Burget and others ;

Lewis Bodman and others ;

R. B. Dickie and others, severally against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its consolidation with certain railroads, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Vermont &
Mass. and
other rail-
roads, con-
solidation of
with the
Hoosac
Tunnel.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to establish a grade in the town of Brookline ; and

Brookline.

The resolve in favor of the town of West Boylston, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

West Boyl-
ston.

The bill in relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

Dogs.

The Senate report, on the petition of Nathaniel Freeman, was accepted.

Nathaniel
Freeman.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill to incorporate the Steam Supply Company, was read a third time and passed over.

Steam Sup-
ply Co.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Bills enact-
ed and laid
before the
Governor.

To incorporate the Boston Tow Boat Company ;

To authorize William Lewis to extend his wharf at Vineyard Haven.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 17, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund

Fitchburg.

its floating debt and to issue additional scrip without amendment and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Natick.

Mr. Learned, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the town of Natick, reported

A bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Sherman
White.

On motion of Mr. Coe, the petition of Sherman White was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Protection
of share-
holders in
incorporated
compa-
nies.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill for the better protection of shareholders in incorporated companies; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Eastern
R.R. Co.

Mr. Giles, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sealing of
weights and
measures.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to sealing weights and measures; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To protect the oyster fishery in Barlow River (on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Sandwich);

Authorizing the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to lease its road (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railway Company to change its name and reduce its capital stock (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Edwin Lyman and others;

The Baldwin Company; and

Leonard Barton and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Flahways.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the

Fisheries be authorized to employ a stenographer to report the hearings before that committee, on the order relative to restricting the powers of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries to build fishways in streams where mill dams have been maintained without fishways for a long term of years.

Also, that the committee be authorized to cause the testimony and arguments to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Also, that the committee on Railways be requested to ascertain the rate of freight charged by the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, on lime, hay and coal, that any unjust burdens may not be imposed upon the citizens of this Commonwealth.

B. & A. R.
R., freight
charges on.

A petition of L. H. Bowker and others, for an extension of time within which to extend the Hopkinton Railroad, was referred to the committee on Railways.

L. H.
Bowker et
als.

A petition of Theodore Ames and others, for the prohibition of the shooting or disturbing of sea-fowl about or near Tuckernuck and Muskeget, was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Theodore
Ames et als.

A petition of William E. Jarvis and others, for the union of the cities of Boston and Charlestown, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Charles-
town to
Boston.

A petition of the New England Labor Reform League for the enactment of free banking law, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

N. E. Labor
Reform
League.

A petition of Charles S. Babcock and others, for compensation for money expended for uniforms, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Chas. S.
Babcock et
als.

A remonstrance of John Orvis and others, against any legislation which shall impair the usefulness or efficiency of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; and

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Petitions of

W. J. Crocker and others;

R. F. Alexander and others; and

Hours of
labor.

L. H. Faunce and others, severally that eight hours labor may constitute a day's work, were severally referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the town of Braintree to raise twenty thousand dollars for the Thayer Academy, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Braintree.

Cambridge. The report, on the petition of the city of Cambridge, was accepted in concurrence.

Brookline. The House bill to establish a grade in the town of Brookline, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

West Boylston. The Senate resolve in favor of the town of West Boylston, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Steam Supply Co. The bill to incorporate the Steam Supply Company, was further considered and amended, and pending the consideration of further amendments, proposed thereto by Mr. Clark, passed over.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor. The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

In addition to an act to provide for a union passenger station and for the removal of railroad tracks from certain public ways and grounds in the city of Worcester.

To authorize the American Print Works to enlarge their wharf in Fall River.

To authorize Benjamin D. Dixie to extend his wharf in Marblehead.

An engrossed resolve to provide for testimonials to certain persons appointed in the navy (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 18, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Lowell and Andover R.R. Co. Mr. Wright, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the Lowell and Andover Railroad Company; and

Springfield, Athol & No. Eastern R.R. Co. Mr. Woods, a bill to allow the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its railroad; and

Plymouth & Sandwich Railroad. Mr. Baker, a bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad; and these bills were severally read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Old Colony R.R. Co. Mr. Baker, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the

Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel, and extend its wharf in said channel; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Harbors.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Worcester
Mutual Fire
Ins. Co.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Woods, from the committee on Agriculture on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

F. J. Briggs
et alia.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider what additional legislation, if any, is expedient in relation to banks organized under the General Statutes.

Banks.

On motion of Mr. Banister,—

Ordered, That the Governor be authorized to direct the Adjutant-General to cause a salute of one hundred guns to be fired on the 4th day of March, in honor of the inauguration of General Ulysses S. Grant, as President of the United States.

Inauguration
of U. S.
Grant as
President of
the U. S.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Parsons presented certain resolves of the town of East Bridgewater in relation to annexing a part of said town to the town of Abington or North Bridgewater.

E. Bridgewater

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Torrey presented petitions of

C. W. Carter and others;

Joel Merriam and others;

Amasa Norcross and others; and

William Baker and others, severally for the establishment of an additional office for the registry of deeds in Worcester County.

Registry
of deeds in
Worcester
County.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Walter Paine, 3d, and others of Fall River, that the Children's Friend Society may be authorized to unite with the Fall River Orphan Asylum.

Walter
Paine, 3d, et
al.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

T. C. Biscoe.

Mr. Griggs presented a petition of T. C. Biscoe for the refunding of bank tax alleged to have been twice paid.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Wm. Humphreys et al.

A bill to authorize William Humphreys and Ebenezer S. Twisden to extend their wharves in Marblehead (on the petition of the same) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Grade and Drainage Commission.

A bill to provide a commission of grade, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns, was referred to the committee having charge of the subject.

J. F. Bridges et als.

A report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of J. F. Bridges and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lowell Horse R.R. Corporat'n.

A petition of the Lowell Horse Railroad Corporation for a readjustment of shares and stock, was referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

E. H. & M. F. Stanwood.

A petition of E. H. and M. F. Stanwood for authority to build a wharf in Ipswich; and

C. A. Bartol et als.

A remonstrance of Thomas H. Ketfield and others, against the petition of C. A. Bartol and others, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Petitions of

J. C. Simmons and others;

D. W. Knight and others;

R. M. Fahey and others; and

Lewis J. Berger and others, severally for the continuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor and enlargement of its powers; and

Hours of labor.

A petition of John W. Whitmarsh and others, that eight hours' labor may constitute a day's work, were severally referred to the committee on the Labor Question.

Edwin Ellis et als.

A petition of Edwin Ellis and others, selectmen of Athol, that said town may be authorized to exempt certain manufacturing property from taxation, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Vt. & Mass. and other railroads, consolidation of, with the Hoosac Tunnel.

Remonstrances of

S. M. Cook and others; and

Ira D. Haskell and others, severally against the lease or sale of the Hoosac Tunnel, or its transfer to any other parties, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Petitions of

Paul D. Willis and others ; and

West Rox-
bury.

Robert Watt and others, severally in aid of the petition of the inhabitants of West Roxbury, were referred to the committee on Towns.

A petition of C. B. Metcalf and others, for legislation in relation to the extermination of the "Canada thistle" ; and

C. B. Met-
calf et als.

A petition of the trustees of the Worcester County Horticultural Society for amendment of the statutes relative to the preservation of birds, were severally referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Worcester
County
Horticul-
tural Soc.

A petition of E. B. Ball for the refunding of bank tax alleged to have been twice paid, was referred to the committee on Claims.

E. B. Ball.

Remonstrances of

Capt. J. Harrison and others ; and

Pilot laws.

John H. Jeffries and others, severally against any change in the pilot laws, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

A petition of Thomas C. Harlow for the further protection of a fishery in Harlow's Brook in the town of Plymouth, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Thos. C.
Harlow.

A petition of T. D. Shumway and others, for the limitation of the power conferred upon the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries by the 384th chapter of the acts of the year 1869, was also referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

T. D. Shum-
way et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the House bills,

Bills.

To authorize the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railway Company to lease its road and franchise ;

To authorize the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railway Company to change its name and reduce its capital stock ;

To protect the oyster fishery in Barlow River, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water, was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Natick.

The bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt and to issue additional scrip, was laid on the table.

Fitchburg.

Reports. The House reports on the petitions of The Baldwin Company;
Leonard Barton and others; and
Edwin Lyman and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Braintree. The House bill to authorize the town of Braintree to raise twenty thousand dollars for the Thayer Academy, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Steam Supply Co. The bill to incorporate the Steam Supply Company, was further considered, and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Clark, was amended and adopted. The title was also amended by inserting before the word "Steam," the word "Boston"; and the bill as amended passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Natick. The bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water, was read a third time, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Appropriations. An engrossed bill making appropriations for expenses of the state almshouse, the state prison, the reform school at Westborough, the industrial school for girls, the Bridge-water workhouse, the state primary school at Monson, and for other purposes (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 19, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. French, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of Lemuel Baxter and others, reported

Quincy Point Street Railway Co. A bill to incorporate the Quincy Point Street Railway Company; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the House resolves,

Hoosac Tunnel. Providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel;

For the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents ; and

Taxes over-
paid by in-
surance
agents.
Lands used
for post-
offices.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill concerning jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices, severally reported that the same ought to pass ; and they were accordingly ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill to limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk, reported that the same ought to pass ; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Jurors in
the county
of Suffolk.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, that the laws in relation to vaccination may be amended, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

Mayor of
Boston.

Mr. Brown, from the same committee, on the order relative to requiring the opinion of the supreme judicial court in relation to certain provisions of the constitution respecting the qualification of voters ; and

Constitu-
tion.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on the order relative to the better enforcement of the provisions of the 8th article to the amendment of the constitution, severally reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of C. S. Holbrook and others, that the East Parish in Randolph may be authorized to sell certain property.

C. S. Hol-
brook et als.

Referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Mr. Clark presented a petition of Susan T. Chandler for reimbursement of money paid as a tax on certain bank shares.

Susan T.
Chandler.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across Merrimack River in the town of Tyngsborough ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Tyngsboro'.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of enlarging the duties and powers of the members of the Board of Education.

Board of
Education.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Fitchburg. Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to betterments in the city of Fitchburg; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mayor of Fall River. Mr. Stickney presented a petition of the mayor of the city of Fall River for amendment of the charter of said city.

R. T. Davis et als. Also, a petition of R. T. Davis and others, for the union of the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Road commissioners. A bill to amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relating to the powers of road commissioners (on the order relative to the subject) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Lands used for military encampments. A resolve providing compensation for lands used for military encampments during the year 1872, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Williamstown and Hancock R.R. Co. A bill to amend chapter 242 of the acts of 1869, to revive the charter of the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company, was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Springfield Street Railway Co. A bill to amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company, was read and referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Committee on Railways. *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the committee on Printing consider what measures are necessary to secure the earlier printing of reports of hearings before the committee on Railways, on the subject of consolidation of railways leading from Boston to the Hoosac Tunnel.

Pub. documents. A communication was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, asking for authority to reprint certain public documents destroyed by the recent great fire in Boston, and referred to the committee on Printing.

Report of the Board of Education. The 36th annual report of the Board of Education, was referred to the committee on Education.

Henry Reed. A petition of Henry Reed in behalf of Charles and Ella J. Buxton for state aid; and

Enoch Sanford. A petition of Enoch Sanford for reimbursement of money paid as a bank tax, were referred to the committee on Claims.

A petition of Horace Faxon and others, for the repeal of section 9 of chapter 354 of the acts of 1869, relative to the cultivation of useful fishes, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. Fishes, cultivation of.

A petition of the Annisquam Mutual Fire Insurance Company for a renewal of charter, was referred to the committee on Insurance. Annisquam Mut. F. Ins. Co.

A petition of the Boston Eight Hour League for the enactment of a law making eight hours' labor a day's work, was referred to the committee on the Labor Question. Boston Eight hour League.

A petition of D. H. Follett of the First Battalion Light Artillery for an appropriation for new uniforms for said battery, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. D. H. Follett.

Petitions of

G. H. Appleton and others ;

John Kennedy and others ;

A. F. Rice and others ;

J. A. Bushee and others ;

B. P. Bates and others ;

A. N. Proctor and others ; and

Edwin Dyer and others, severally in aid of that of the Highland Street Railway Company, were referred to the committee on Horse Railways. Highland St. Railway Co.

A remonstrance of James Walton and others, against the petition of J. C. Hoadley and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. J. C. Hoadley et al.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize William Humphreys and Ebenezer S. Twisden to extend their wharves in Marblehead, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. William Humphreys et al.

The report, on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others, was laid on the table. F. J. Briggs et al.

The House report on the petition of J. F. Bridge and others, was accepted in concurrence. J. F. Bridge et al.

The House bills,

Bills.

To authorize the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to lease its road and franchise ;

To authorize the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railway Company to change its name and reduce its capital stock ;

To protect the oyster fishery in Barlow River, were sev-

erally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Intoxicating
liquors.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors; and the same was read a second time, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading, was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baird,	Bancroft,	Carpenter,
Coe,	French,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,	Learned,
Lobdell,	Morse,	Packard,
Parsons,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Todd,	Wallace,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Woods,	Woodwell.—24.
NAYS. —Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Brown,
Clark,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Lawrence,	Learnard,	Merrill,
Potter,	Torrey,	Whiting.—12.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Worcester
County
Horticultural
Soc.

On motion of Mr. Woods, the vote whereby the petition of the Worcester County Horticultural Society, was referred to the committee on Agriculture, was reconsidered; and thereupon the Senate non-concurred in the reference thereof to the committee on Agriculture, and the petition was returned to the House.

Bills enacted
and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To increase the capital stock and change the name of the New Bedford and New York Steam Propeller Company.

To amend an act to incorporate the trustees of the Smith Charities.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 20, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Arlington
Lake Water
Co.

Mr. Learned, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the bill in addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company, reported, that the same ought to pass; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Nickerson's
Wharf Co.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to increase the number of the associate justices of the supreme judicial court, reported that the same ought to pass; and the bill was read twice under a suspension of th rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Supreme
Judicial
Court, asso-
ciate jus-
tices of.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the Union Hall Association, reported

Union Hall
Associat'n.

A bill to increase the capital stock of the Union Hall Association.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petition of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company, reported

Turner's
Falls Land
& Improve-
ment Co.

A bill to extend the duration of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company of Montague.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitted the bill in relation to limited partnerships, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of

Limited
partner-
ships.

Bill to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes relating to limited partnerships.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of T. H. Smith and others, reported

Mount Olive
Cemetery
Association.

A bill to incorporate the Mount Olive Cemetery Association.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Prisons, on the report of the Inspectors of the State Prison, under the resolve of last year requiring them to make certain inquiries in relation to a new prison, reported

New state
prison.

A bill authorizing the construction of a new state prison building; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the First Parish of Newbury, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

First Parish
of New-
bury.

Mr. Whiting, from the committee on Manufactures, submitted a similar report on the petition of D. R. Whitney and others; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

D. R. Whit-
ney et als.

Plymouth
County
R.R.

Mr. Dwelley, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Plymouth County Railroad; and

Canton and
Hyde Park
R.R. Co.

Mr. French, on leave, a bill relating to the Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company and the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation; and these bills were severally read and referred to the committee on Railways.

C. Coolidge
et als.
Cambridge.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Charles Coolidge and others, for the annexation of the city of Cambridge to the city of Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Eastern
R.R. Co.

Mr. Giles presented a petition of the Eastern Railroad Company for authority to widen its bridges over Charles and Miller's Rivers, and for other purposes.

Referred to the committee on Harbors.

Newton.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of the school committee of the town of Newton for amendment of the statutes relative to the appointment of superintendents of schools.

Referred to the committee on Education.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

E. F. Stone
et als.

Mr. Giles presented a petition of E. F. Stone and others, for the establishment of a district court in Essex County.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

E. W.
Thayer et
als.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of E. W. Thayer and others, that the Old Colony Railroad Company may be authorized to change its location in South Braintree.

J. C. Par-
sons.

Mr. Whiting presented a petition of J. C. Parsons, President of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company, that the town of Holyoke may be authorized to take additional shares of the stock of said company.

Severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

New state
prison.

On motion of Mr. Coe,—

Ordered, That the committee on Printing consider the expediency of printing 800 extra copies of the report of the committee on Prisons in relation to the construction of a new state prison.

Papers from the House.

Veto power
on mayors
of cities.

A bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint special committee to whom was referred the petition of Henry Emery for an investigation as to the manner in which the liquor law is enforced, have power to send for persons and papers. H. Emery.

Also, that the committee on Insurance consider whether any change is necessary in the general laws regulating the business of insurance. Insurance.

Also, that the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of additional legislation regarding the management and condition of places of detention and lockups. Lockups.

Also, that the committee on Manufactures be requested to examine and report whether any further legislation is necessary relating to the flowing of highways by mills. Flowing of highways by mills.

Also, that the joint special committee on the Labor Question consider what legislation is necessary concerning the hours of labor of children employed by manufacturing corporations. Hours of labor for children.

Also, that the committee on Railways consider the expediency of a general law relative to the formation of street railway corporations, and the manner of locating and using the tracks thereof. Street railway corporations.

A message from the Governor, transmitting a statement of the action of the commissioners under the act of 1863, in relation to the extinguishment of all title or claims of private parties to or upon the Hoosac Tunnel; and Hoosac Tunnel.

A remonstrance of Edward Dickinson and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its transfer to any railroad corporations; also Vt. & Mass. and other railroads, consolidation of with the Hoosac Tunnel.

A remonstrance of Charles Wilcox and others in relation to the same; and

A petition of Daniel Hussey and others, for authority to lay an additional railroad track in the city of Lowell; and Daniel Hussey et al.

A petition of Daniel Smith and another, for authority to construct a railroad track in the city of Newburyport, were severally referred to the committee on Railways. Dan. Smith et al.

Petitions of Bank shares.

J. W. and H. L. Crocker;

Eben King;

James P. King; and

Henrietta A. Morrill, severally for reimbursement of money paid as a bank tax; and

- J. Glancy.** A petition of John Glancy for compensation for loss sustained on certain goods purchased of the Commonwealth, and seized by the United States, were severally referred to the committee on Claims.
- Salem Oratorio Soc'y.** A petition of the Salem Oratorio Society for an act of incorporation; and
A petition of the Concord Free Public Library for an act of incorporation, were referred to the committee on Education.
- E. T. Ingalls et al.** A petition of E. T. Ingalls and A. R. Kimball for authority to extend their wharf in Haverhill, was referred to the committee on Harbors.
- John G. Whittier et al.** A petition of John G. Whittier and others, for the rescinding and annulling of the resolution of the last session relating to the bill pending in Congress, concerning the army registers and the national flags, was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.
- Severally in concurrence.
- Bills.** The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To incorporate the Quincy Point Horse Railway Company;
To amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relating to the powers of road commissioners;
Concerning jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices; and
- Resolves.** The resolves,
Providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel;
For the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.
- Jurors in Suffolk Co.** The House bill to limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk, was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.
- Constitution.** The reports on the order concerning the 8th article of the amendments of the constitution, relative to the incompatibility of certain offices; and
On the order relative to requesting the opinion of the supreme judicial court, concerning certain provisions of the constitution of Massachusetts; and
- Boston.** On the petition of the mayor of Boston, relative to amendment of the law respecting the vaccination of infants, were severally accepted.
- Wm. Humphreys et al.** The House bill to authorize William Humphreys and

Ebenezer S. Twisden to extend their wharves in Marblehead, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, was read a third time.

Intoxicating
liquors.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, proposed the following amendment to the bill :—

Section 2. Section 30 of chapter 415 of the acts of the year 1869, is amended by inserting before the words "all wines," the word "cider."

And the question on the adoption of the amendment was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Brown,
Carpenter,	Johnson, R.,	Merrill,
Torrey,	Whiting,	Whittle.—9.
NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Clark,	Coe,
Dwellely,	French,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Lawrence,
Lernard,	Learned,	Lobdell,
Morse,	Nye,	Packard,
Parsons,	Potter,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Todd,	Wallace,
Washburn,	Woods,	Woodwell.—27.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Brown moved that the further consideration of the bill be assigned for Tuesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M. ; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Brown,
Clark,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Lernard,	Learned,	Merrill,
Packard,	Potter,	Washburn,
Whiting —13.		
NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Carpenter,	Coe,
Dwellely,	French,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Lawrence,	Lobdell,
Morse,	Nye,	Parsons,
Stickney,	Thompson,	Todd,
Torrey,	Wallace,	Whittle,
Woods,	Woodwell.—22.	

So the Senate refused to postpone and assign.

Mr. Merrill proposed an amendment, the same being a substitute for the third section of the bill ; and the question was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Banister,	Brown,	Jacobs,
	Johnson, R.,	Learnard,	Merrill,
	Lawrence,	Packard,	Potter,
	Torrey,	Washburn,	Whiting,—12. ...
NAYS.—Messrs.	Bancroft,	Clark,	Coe,
	Dwellely,	Fuller,	Griffin,
	Griggs,	Harmon,	Lobdell,
	Morse,	Nye,	Parsons,
	Stickney,	Thompson,	Todd,
	Wallace,	Whittle,	Woods,
	Woodwell.—19.		

So the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurring on ordering the bill to be engrossed, the same was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Bancroft,	Coe,	Dwellely,
	Fuller,	Griffin,	Griggs,
	Harmon,	Lobdell,	Morse,
	Nye,	Packard,	Parsons,
	Stickney,	Thompson,	Todd,
	Washburn,	Whittle,	Woods,
	Woodwell.—19.		

NAYS.—Messrs.	Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,
	Learned,	Merrill,	Potter,
	Torrey,	Whiting,—11.	

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Fitchburg. The bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt and to issue additional scrip, was taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

F. J. Briggs et als. The report, on the petition of F. J. Briggs and others, was taken from the table and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To incorporate the Malden Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

To fix the fee of persons attending as jurors before a sheriff.

Relating to the par value of shares in corporations.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 21, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, Central Club of Boston.
on the petition of Alexander H. Rice and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Central Club of Boston; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on Dogs.
the bill in addition to an act concerning dogs; also

On the House bill in relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities (the same being recommitted to them) reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that they be referred to the committee on Agriculture.

And these reports being considered, were accepted, and the bills were sent down for concurrence in the reference.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence R.R. Co.
Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its road; and

A bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to extend its road; and these bills were severally read and referred to the committee on Railways. Mansfield & Framingham R.R. Co.

Mr. Packard, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Springfield Banking and Trust Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Banks and Banking. Springfield Banking & Trust Co.

Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the Adams Water Company; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage. Adams Water Co.

Mr. Coe, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize James Ritchie and others, to construct a wharf in South Dartmouth; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Harbors. James Ritchie et al.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill for the better Fitchburg.
organization of the fire department in the city of Fitchburg; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Stickney,—

Ordered, That the committee on Manufactures consider Taxation of reservoirs.

the expediency of amending chapter 306 of the acts of the year 1872, making uniform the taxation of reservoirs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Woodwell,—

Compensation of coroner's juries.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of increasing the compensation of coroners' juries.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,—

Settlement of estates of deceased persons.

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider whether any further legislation is necessary to expedite the settlement of the estates of deceased persons.

Newburyport Lyceum Ass'n.

Mr. Woodwell presented a petition of the Newburyport Lyceum Association for an act of incorporation.

Referred to the committee on Education.

Cambridge.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of P. A. Cunningham for the annexation of the city of Cambridge to Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

William T. Hart et al.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of William T. Hart and others, trustees under the Berdell mortgage, so called, for additional legislation concerning the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Justice of the municipal court of Taunton.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of the justice of the municipal court of Taunton for an increase of his salary, and also of the salary of the clerk of said court.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Everett.

A bill to authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Deposits in sav. banks.

A report of the committee on Banks and Banking, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to limiting the amount of deposits in savings banks; and

Reports.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the selectmen of Northfield and others;

Of the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of Elisha Holmes and others; and

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petitions of Russell D. Ferris and others, and Howes Chapman and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A communication from the Board of Health, transmitting a statement of the number of towns in which cases of small-pox have appeared during the year 1872 and 1873, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions. State Board of Health.

A bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to change its location in Sandwich and Barnstable; and Old Colony R.R. Co.

A bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its road in the towns of Montgomery and Russell, were referred to the committee on Railways. Boston and Albany R. R. Co.

A petition of A. G. Parker and others, for the legalization of certain acts of the Fifth Congregational Society in Springfield, and for a change of name of said society, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies. A. G. Parker et als.

A petition of Jane C. Daniels for reimbursement of money paid as a tax on bank shares; and Jane C. Daniels.

A petition of the selectmen of the town of Middleborough for the reimbursement of certain sums paid as state aid; and Middleborough.

Petitions of Petitions.

William Forster;

Elizabeth Martindale; and

Charles F. Tower, severally for the payment of state aid, were severally to the committee on Claims.

A petition of William A. Vanderhoop and others, that parties may be prohibited from placing obstructions at the mouth of Menamsha Creek in the town of Gay Head, was referred to the committee on Fisheries. William A. Vanderhoop et als.

A remonstrance of Charles C. Spooner and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its transfer to any parties; and Vt. & Mass. and other railroads, consolidation of Hoosac Tunnel.

A petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company for amendment of charter, were referred to the committee on Railways. with Gloucester & Lanesville R.R. Co. Pilotage.

Petitions of

Herman B. Chase and others; and

Atkins Nickerson and others, severally for amendment

of the laws respecting pilotage, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

City Mutual Ins. Co. A petition of the City Mutual Insurance Company of Roxbury for a renewal of its charter; and

Shoe and Leather Ins. Co. A petition of the Shoe and Leather Insurance Company for amendment of charter, were referred to the committee on Insurance.

Cary Improvement Co. A petition of the Cary Improvement Company for authority to build a bridge across Chelsea Creek, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

J. N. Clark et als. A petition of Joseph N. Clark and others, that the town of Salisbury may be relieved from the expense of supporting certain bridges over Merrimack River, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Dukes Co. commissioners. A petition of the county commissioners of Dukes County for authority to borrow money for the purpose of building a new jail, was referred to the committee on Prisons.

Julia Ward Howe et als. A remonstrance of Julia Ward Howe and others, against any further grant of money to the Institute of Technology, except on condition that women shall be admitted to its advantages on the same terms as men, was referred to the committee on Education.

W. A. Humphreys. A petition of Augustus Whittemore and others, in aid of that of W. A. Humphrey and others; and

H. H. Stevens et als. A petition of H. H. Stevens and others, for the annexation of the town of Dudley to the town of Webster, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally in concurrence.

Sherman White. The petition of Sherman White came up non-concurred in the reference thereof to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, and the same was laid on the table.

Bills. The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes, relating to limited partnerships;

In addition to acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company;

To extend the duration of the Turner's Falls Land and Wharf Company of Montague;

To incorporate the Mount Olive Cemetery Association;

To increase the capital stock of the Union Hall Association, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company, was ordered to be engrossed. Nickerson's Wharf Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report, on the petition of the First Parish in Newbury was recommitted with instructions to hear the parties after such notice shall have been given as the committee shall direct. First Parish in Newbury.

The report, on the petition of D. R. Whitney and others was accepted. D. R. Whitney et als.

Subsequently, the vote whereby the report was accepted, was reconsidered and the same was laid on the table.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Quincy Point Street Railway Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Quincy Pt. St. Railway Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to amend chapter 158 of the acts of 1871, relating to the powers of road commissioners, was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence. Road commissioners.

Came up concurred.

The House bill concerning jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices; and Post-offices, lands used for.

The resolves

Resolves.

Providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel;

For the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt, and to issue additional scrip, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Fitchburg.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, February 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Friday was read.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on Fitchburg.

the bill in relation to betterments in the city of Fitchburg, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Employés
in the state
prison.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on Prisons, on the report of the inspectors and warden of the state prison, reported

A bill for the better protection of employés in the state prison; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Universal
Exposition
at Vienna.

A resolve, from the House, concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna (in a new draft, and on the petition of the Board of Trade), was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Subsequently, Mr. Learnard from the same committee, reported said resolve without amendment; and the same was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

East Boston
R.R. Co.

A bill to incorporate the East Boston Railroad Company (on the petition of Edward G. Nickerson and others), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Cuba.

A report of the committee on Federal Relations, on the order in relation to the recognition of belligerent rights of the Cubans; and

P. H. Ray-
mond et al.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of P. H. Raymond and others; and

A. R. Lewis
et al.

Of the committee on Federal Relations, on the petition of A. R. Lewis and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Schools for
deaf-mutes.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education be authorized to visit such schools for deaf-mutes as are attended by pupils whose tuition is paid by the state.

Truant and
reformatory
schools.

Also, that said committee inquire what, if any additional legislation is necessary to provide for the establishment of truant and reformatory schools in the several counties of the Commonwealth.

Consumers
of gas, pro-
tection for.

Also, that the committee on Manufactures consider the expediency of making further provision by law whereby consumers of gas may be better protected from paying for a poor quality of gas, and also have some test whereby the gasmeters may be correct, or nearly so.

May train-
ing.

Also, that the committee on Military Affairs consider

the expediency of so amending the existing militia laws, that the day usually set apart for "May training," be so designated that it will be upon the day now commonly known as "decoration day."

Also, that the committee on the Fisheries investigate and report whether any of the Commissioners on Inland Fisheries are interested in the sale of the "fishways" which the commissioners order to be used in this Commonwealth.

Commissioners on Inland Fisheries.

Also, that the committee on Roads and Bridges consider the justice and expediency of requiring the county commissioners of Suffolk and Middlesex to assess the expense of maintaining the bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers between Charlestown and Boston, Charlestown and Chelsea, and Charlestown and Malden, upon the towns and cities benefited by said bridges.

Bridges over Charles and Mystic Rivers, maintenance of.

Also, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of providing that no printed clause, condition or provision in any policy of insurance, shall be of any effect as against the insured, unless printed in type at least as large as that in which the sections of the General Statutes are printed.

Insurance policies.

Also, that the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of amending the laws in relation to insurance, so as to require all losses to be paid within sixty days after loss.

Insurance companies.

Severally in concurrence.

A bill to authorize the town of Woburn to increase its water scrip was read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Woburn.

A bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as a part of the quota of said town in the recent war; and

Wakefield.

A petition of Jesse Tirrell for remission of a tax paid upon certain bank shares; and

Bank shares.

A petition of Joseph M. Currier for the same; and

J. M. Currier.

A petition of the Cary Improvement Company for relief from the operation of the law relative to the taxation of corporations; and

Cary Improvement Co.

A petition of Charles O. Brooks for compensation for labor performed upon the state house; and

Charles O. Brooks.

A petition of Addison Burnett that the town of Belcher-town may be reimbursed for money expended in the support of a state pauper; and

Addison Burnett.

- O. O. Johnson. A petition of O. O. Johnson for the payment of interest on a certain coupon of a Massachusetts war bond; and
- Mary E. Ramsey. A petition of Mary E. Ramsey for state aid, were referred to the committee on Claims.
- Somerville. A petition of the city of Somerville for authority to drain said city through the cities of Cambridge and Somerville; and
- Boston. A bill concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston, were severally referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.
- A. I. Benyon et als. A petition of A. I. Benyon and others, for an act of incorporation as the Massachusetts Mortgage Company, was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.
- Bureau of Statistics of Labor. A petition of Caleb B. Hill and others; and
A petition of Charles Sprewitz, severally for the continuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, were referred to the committee on the Labor Question.
- W. F. Durgin. A petition of W. F. Durgin in behalf of the Deep Bottom tribe of Indians for aid in improving a burial lot and other land, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.
- William Garrett. A petition of William Garrett for an investigation into the conduct of a number of the state constabulary, was referred to the committee on the petition of Henry Emery.
- Henry W. Longfellow et als. A petition of Henry W. Longfellow and others, that the resolution of the two branches of the last session in relation to the bill before Congress concerning the army registers and the national flags, was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.
- William White. A petition of William White and others, that the North Parish in Weymouth may be authorized to sell certain parsonage lands, was referred to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.
- West Boston and Cragie Bridges. A petition of the commissioners of West Boston and Cragie's Bridges for authority to widen Cragie's Bridge, was referred to the committee on Harbors.
- Warren Ordway. Also, a petition of Warren Ordway for authority to build a wharf in Haverhill.
- Laming & Drisko. A petition of Laming and Drisko for an act of incorporation as the Boston Land and Wharf Improvement Company; and
- Odd Fellows' Hall Ass'n. A petition of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston for authority to increase its capital stock; and
- Edwin Chase et als. A petition of Edwin Chase and others, for authority to

reduce the capital stock of the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company; and

A petition of Joseph Nickerson and others, for amendment of the laws in relation to pilotage; and J. Nickerson et als.

A petition of Darius W. Foss and others, for authority to remove certain remains of the dead from a burial ground; and Darius W. Foss et als.

A bill to incorporate the trustees of the "Sigma Phi Society" of Williams College, were referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs. Sigma Phi Society of Williams College.

A petition of E. W. Upton and others, that the town of Peabody may be annexed to the city of Salem; and E. W. Upton et als.

A petition of W. W. Merrick and others, for the annexation of a part of the city of Charlestown to the city of Somerville; and W. W. Merrick et als.

Petitions of

George E. Rogers and others; and

S. G. Phipps and others, severally for the union of the cities of Charlestown and Boston, were severally referred to the committee on Towns. Geo. E. Rogers et als.
S. G. Phipps et als.

Petitions of

W. Fiske Gile and others; and

Andrew J. Perkins and others, for a change in the location of the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company across the Merrimack River at Lawrence; and W. Fiske Gile et als.
Andrew J. Perkins et als.

A petition of the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad Company for extension of time within which to locate their road; and Southbridge and Palmer R.R. Co.

A petition of Edward Crane and associates for an act of incorporation as the Boston and Albany Railway Trust Company; and Edw. Crane et als.

A petition of John C. Osgood and others, in aid of that of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company; and John C. Osgood et als.

A petition of the Salisbury and Exeter Railroad Company for an extension of time within which to complete its road; and Salisbury & Exeter R.R. Co.

A petition of Henry Waite and others, for the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts and Troy and Greenfield and the Troy and Boston Railroad Companies; and Hoosac Tunnel.

A remonstrance of Melzar Lamburton and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its consolidation with any railroads leading thereto; and Ib.

A bill to authorize the construction of a branch track in Boston and Lowell R.R. Corporat'n.

Lowell by the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, were severally referred to the committee on Railways.

G. Lovejoy
et als.

A petition of George Lovejoy and others, that the county commissioners of Essex County may be authorized to build a bridge across Merrimack River at Haverhill; and

Petitions of

Newbury-
port.

The city of Newburyport for relief from maintaining Essex, Merrimack and Newburyport bridges; and

West New-
bury.

The town of West Newbury for relief from the support of Rock bridge and New bridge between Groveland and Haverhill, and severally for reimbursement of money already expended; and

Haverhill
bridge.

A bill concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill bridge, were severally referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Severally in concurrence.

State
prison.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill authorizing the construction of a new state prison building, was committed to the committee on the Treasury.

Central
Club of Bos-
ton.

The bill to incorporate the Central Club of Boston, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Limited
partner-
ships.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes relating to limited partnerships, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Turner's
Falls Land
and Im-
provement
Co.

The Senate bill to extend the duration of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company of Montague, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mt. Olive
Cemetery
Assoc'n.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Mount Olive Cemetery Association, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Union Hall
Associat'n.

The Senate bill to increase the capital stock of the Union Hall Association, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Arlington
Lake Water
Co.
Reports.

The bill in addition to acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company was passed over.

The reports, on the order relative to limiting the aggregate amount of deposits in savings banks; and

On the petitions of
 Russell D. Ferris and others ;
 Howes Chapman and others ;
 The selectmen of Northfield ; and
 Elisha Holmes and others, were severally accepted in
 concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To establish a grade in the town of Brookline.

To increase the number of the associate justices of the supreme judicial court.

In relation to the capital of gas corporations.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, February 25, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Thompson, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public park.

Worcester.

Also, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Worcester ; and the same were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

ib.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the town of Westborough, reported

Westboro'.

A bill to provide the town of Westborough with pure water ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, reported the bill to confirm the location of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham, without amendment ; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary to whom was committed the act for the better protection of shareholders in incorporated companies, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Shareholders in incorporated comp's.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Harbors, on the

Boston and Albany R. R. Corp'n.

the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation for extension of time within which to comply with certain provisions of a contract, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Expenditures; and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Military encampments.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve providing compensation for land used for military encampments during the year 1872, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of Sarah W. Hale, reported

A resolve confirming certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale.

Framingham & Lowell R.R.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to extend the time for the location of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad, reported the same in a new draft; and the bill and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Hopkinton R.R. Co.

Mr. Morse presented a petition of J. M. Bent and others, in aid of the petition of the Hopkinton Railroad Company.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Smelts.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Suffolk,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries inquire if any legislation is necessary to prevent the seining of smelts between the 15th day of March and the first day of June in each year, in any of the waters of this Commonwealth.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Mr. Thompson offered the following order, which was read and rejected:—

Ordered, That the Bureau of Statistics of Labor be authorized to report in print.

Mr. Torrey presented petitions of Charles Field and others; B. B. Murdock and others;

D. L. Thompson and others ; and
 L. W. Pierce and others, severally for the establishment
 of an additional registry of deeds in Worcester County.
 Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Registry of
 deeds in
 Worcester
 County.

Papers from the House.

A bill concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills (in a new draft of a Senate bill) was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Wills—
 widows.

Bills,

Bills.

To amend the charter of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company (on the petition of the stockholders of the same) ;

To repeal chapter 107 of the acts of the year 1852, in relation to the sale of the parsonage property in the parish of West Tisbury, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A report of the committee on Insurance, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the issue of policies by foreign life insurance companies, in different form from those issued by companies chartered by this state ; and

Insurance
 policies.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Claims, on the petitions of

Reports.

William H. Hammond, and

Maurice Morey, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Prisons inquire into the expediency of requiring the warden of the state prison to present, in each annual report, the nature of punishment of convicts in the state prison, and the offence in each case, and to specify the number and nature of punishments inflicted on each prisoner.

Punishment
 of convicts
 in the state
 prison.

A petition of the stockholders of Holmes' Hole Union Wharf Company for authority to extend their wharf at Vineyard Haven, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

Holmes'
 Hole Union
 Wharf Co.

A petition of James Sharp and others, for an act to supply the town of Watertown with pure water, was referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

J. Sharp et
 als.

A petition of V. Danforth in behalf of the overseers of the poor of Lawrence for the reimbursement of moneys paid for the support of an insane pauper, was referred to the committee on Claims.

V. Dan-
 forth.

B. F. Hutchinson et
als.

A petition of B. F. Hutchinson and others, that the town of Provincetown may be authorized to exempt from taxation an amount of twenty thousand dollars worth of property used for manufacturing purposes, was referred to the committee on Manufactures.

Trustees of
Lenox Academy.

A petition of the trustees of Lenox Academy for authority to exchange certain lands for others more suitable for its purposes, was referred to the committee on Education.

John G.
Whittier et
als.

A petition of Wendell Phillips and others, in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others, was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Severally in concurrence.

Physicians'
certificates
of death.

* The bill concerning physicians' certificates of death was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up and the bills, In relation to betterments in the city of Fitchburg; For the better protection of employés in the state prison, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Central Club of Boston, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Arlington
Lake Water
Co.

The Senate bill in addition to an act in relation to the Arlington Lake Water Company, was ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Reports.

The House reports

On the order relative to the belligerent rights of patriots in Cuba; and

On the petitions of A. R. Lewis and others, and P. H. Raymond and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. French, from the committee on Insurance, on the bill to authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Worcester
Mut. Fire
Ins. Co.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Insurance, on the order relative to a change in the law respecting the tax on bank shares held by insurance companies, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon.

Tax on bank
shares.

Mr. Griffin, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing 1,000 extra copies of the hearings before the committee on Railways, in relation to the consolidation of certain railroad companies; and

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Banister, from the same committee, on the order relative to printing 3,000 extra copies of the report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners; and

Report of
the Board
of Railroad
Commis-
sioners.

On the order relative to printing 800 extra copies of the report of the committee on Prisons, relative to the construction of a new state prison building, severally reported that the same ought to be adopted; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State
prison.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill defining the punishment for rape, arson, burglary and other offences; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Punishment
for rape,
arson, bur-
glary, &c.

On motion of Mr. Torrey,—

Ordered, That so much of the annual report of the State Board of Health as relates to the slaughtering of cattle, be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Report of
the State
Board of
Health.*Papers from the House.*

A resolve to confirm and make valid a deed made by the executors named in the will of Ebenezer Crafts, deceased, and by a trustee under said will (a new draft of the resolve on the petition of Otis H. Weed for confirmation of a deed and title under it) was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ebenezer
Crafts.

A bill fixing the fees of clerks and registrars of towns or cities for the registry and return of births, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Registry of
births.

Bills.**Bills,**

To incorporate the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association (on the petition of the same) ;

To extend the charter of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company in the town of Brighton (on the petition of the same) ;

To increase the capital stock and change the par value of the shares of the Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill (in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Third Rel-
igious Soc.
in Dor-
chester.

A report of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Third Religious Society in Dorchester ; and

T. Cushing
et als.

A report of the committee on Military Affairs, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of T. Cushing and others ; and

School com-
mittees.

A report of the committee on Education, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order relative to the election of women on school committees, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Geo. S. Ball
et als.

A petition of George S. Ball and others, for an increase of the state police force, was referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

A remonstrance of the selectmen and others of West Boylston, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, or its consolidation with certain railroads, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

East Boston
R.R. Co.

The bill to incorporate the East Boston Railroad Company, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To provide the town of Westborough with pure water ;

To confirm the location of the Boston and Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham ;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad ;

To repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1852, relating to the sale of parsonage property in the parish of West Tisbury ;

To amend the charter of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company ; and

Resolves.

The resolves

Confirming certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale ;

Providing compensation for lands used for military encampments during the year 1872, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill for the better protection of shareholders in incorporated companies, was, in accordance with the report thereon, rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Brown moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was rejected, and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The House reports,

Reports.

On the order relative to policies issued by foreign insurance companies; and

On the petitions of William H. Hammond and Maurice Morey, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The Senate bill relating to the betterments in the city of Fitchburg, Fitchburg, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill for the better protection of employes in the state prison, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

State prison.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill concerning physicians' certificates of death, was next considered, and the substitute proposed therefor by Mr. Jacobs, was adopted and ordered to a second reading.

Physicians' certificates of death.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To incorporate the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Company.

Authorizing the town of Braintree to raise twenty thousand dollars for Thayer Academy.

To authorize William Humphreys and Ebenezer S. Twisden to extend their wharves in Marblehead.

To authorize the Newburyport and Amesbury Horse Railroad Company to lease its road and franchise.

To authorize the Northampton and Williamsburg Street Railway Company to change its name and reduce its capital stock.

To protect the oyster fishery in Barlow River.

To limit the service of jurors in the county of Suffolk.

Concerning jurisdiction over lands used for post-offices.
In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture
and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, February 27, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Veto power
of mayors.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment.

Wills, waiver
of provisions of,
by widows.

Mr. Merrill, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions of wills, reported that the same ought to pass; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

State house.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on the State House, on the order relative to enlarging the windows in room No. 8, west wing of the State House, reported thereon the following order which was adopted.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to cause the enlargement of the two side-windows in room eight, west wing of the State House, in a manner to correspond with those recently enlarged in rooms nine and ten.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

East Boston
Gas Co.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the East Boston Gas Company, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Tyngsboro'
and Brook-
line R.R.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad, reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of R. T. Davis and others, reported

Children's
Home of
Fall River.

A bill uniting the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society, under the name of the Children's Home of Fall River; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Griffin presented a memorial of the American Statistical Society for the continuance of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Referred to the joint special committee on the Labor Question.

Mr. Coe presented a petition of Charles Almy and others, in aid of the petition of John G. Whittier and others. John G. Whittier et al.

Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Carpenter presented a memorial of George E. Towne and others, in relation to the appointment of a commission to devise and perfect a plan for the better construction of buildings in the city of Boston. George E. Towne et al.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Reports, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

Reports.

Of the committee on Military Affairs, on the order in relation to abolishing the office of Surgeon-General;

Of the committee on Prisons, on the annual report of the warden of the state prison, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills,

Bills.

To authorize Owen Bearse to construct a wharf at Squantum in Quincy (on the petition of the same);

To authorize John F. Dodge and others, to construct a wharf at Squantum in Quincy (on the petition of the same);

To change the name of the Wellesley Female Seminary (on the petition of Edward N. Kirk and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A resolve in favor of George Downes (on the petition of the same), was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. George Downes.

A bill to establish the salary of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk district, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Assistant district attorney for Suffolk district.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Agriculture consider the expediency of providing for the sale of eggs by weight. Eggs.

Adjutant-General. The annual report of the Adjutant-General, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Margaret Coggin. A petition of Margaret Coggin for state aid, was referred to the committee on Claims.

Hoosac Tunnel. A remonstrance of Charles Almy and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its consolidation with any railroads leading thereto; and

Remonstrances of

William Carleton and others; and

Edward Atkinson and others, severally against the purchase or the building by the state of any additional railroads; and

Hopkinton Railroad. Petitions of

M. H. Simpson and others;

John Clark and others;

C. H. Tilton and others; and

A. Foote and others, severally for the extension of the Hopkinton Railroad, were severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Shareholders in incorporated companies. The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate refused to reconsider the vote whereby the bill for the better protection of shareholders in incorporated companies was rejected.

Bills. The bills,

To authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate;

To extend the charter of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company in the town of Brighton;

To increase the capital stock and change the par value of the shares of the Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill;

To incorporate the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Westboro'. The Senate bill to provide the town of Westborough with pure water, was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad. The Senate bill to confirm the location of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Framingham & Lowell R.R.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve confirming certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale, was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

To repeal chapter 107 of the acts of 1852, relating to the sale of parsonage property in the parish of West Tisbury;

West Tisbury.

To amend the charter of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company; and

The House resolve providing compensation for lands used for military encampments during the year 1872, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Compensation for lands used for military encampments.

The bill concerning physicians' certificates of death, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Physicians' certificates of death.

The bill to incorporate the East Boston Railroad Company, was ordered to a third reading.

East Boston Railroad Co.

The reports of the committee on Printing, on the several orders relative to printing certain extra copies of the report of the Board of Railroad Commissioners; the committee on Printing, in relation to the construction of a new state prison; and the several reports of the hearings before the committee on Railways in relation to the consolidation of certain railroad lines, were severally accepted, and the orders accordingly adopted.

Reports.

The Senate report on the order in relation to the taxation of bank shares held by insurance companies, was accepted.

Taxation of bank shares.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House report, on the order relative to enacting a law authorizing the election of women as members of school committees; and

Reports.

The reports, on the petitions of

T. Cushing and others; and

The Third Religious Society in Dorchester, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, February 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

E. S.
Hawkes.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of E. S. Hawkes, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad; and the report was read and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Everett.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of harbor commissioners; and

Fitchburg.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the bill for the better organization of the fire department of the city of Fitchburg, reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on Prisons, on the order in relation to the subject, reported

Inspectors
of the state
prison.

A resolve in relation to the reports of the inspectors of the state prison.

Winchester.

Mr. Lobdell, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the town of Winchester, reported

A bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water.

Registry
and return
of deaths.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill fixing the fees of clerks and registrars of cities and towns for registry and return of deaths, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

S. N. Story
et alia.

Mr. Thompson presented a remonstrance of S. N. Story and others against the transfer of the control of the Hoosac Tunnel to any corporation or individuals.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Boston.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of S. W. Gould and others, in aid of the passage of the bill allowing cities and towns to vote upon the question of annexation to Boston; and

Petitions of

M. M. Lane
et alia.

M. M. Lane and others; and

William Nichols and others, severally for the annexation Cambridge.
of the city of Cambridge to the city of Boston.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Stickney presented a petition of Frederick Winslow H. N. Eddy
et alia.
and others, in aid of that of H. N. Eddy and others.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the Nashua,
Acton and
Boston R.R.
time for the location and construction of the Nashua, Acton
and Boston Railroad; and the same was read and referred,
under the 19th joint rule, to the next general court.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To authorize Barnabas Clark to extend his wharf in
Fall River (on the petition of the same);

Concerning accidents on railroads (on an order in rela-
tion to the subject);

To authorize Job T. Wilson to construct a wharf in Fall
River (on the petition of the same), were severally read
and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee Reports.
on Mercantile Affairs, on the petitions of

The New Bedford Gas Company; and

The Dorchester Gas Light Company, were severally
read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A report of the committee on Public Charitable Institu- School ship
George M.
Barnard.
tions, on the order relative to the disposition of the pro-
ceeds of the sale of the school ship George M. Barnard (from
the files of last year), was referred to the committee of
the present year on the same subject, in concurrence.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Fisheries.
Fisheries consider the expediency of further legislation on
the matter of unlawful fishing.

On motion of Mr. Morse,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns to-morrow, it Adjourn-
ment.
be to meet on Tuesday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Subsequently, Mr. Lobdell moved a reconsideration of
the vote by which the order was adopted; and the motion
was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Banister, the vote whereby the order Railroad
commis-
sioners.

relative to printing certain extra copies of the annual report of the Railroad Commissioners was adopted, was reconsidered; and thereupon the order was rejected.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To unite the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society, under the name of the Children's Home of Fall River;

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad;

Concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions made for them in wills;

To change the name of the Wellesley Female Seminary;

To authorize John F. Dodge and others, to construct a wharf in Quincy;

To authorize Owen Bearse to construct a wharf in Quincy, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Mayors of cities.

The bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of cities, was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

**So. Fram-
ingham
Camp Meet-
ing Ass'n.
Bills.**

The bill to incorporate the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association was passed over.

The House bills

To extend the charter of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company in the town of Brighton;

To increase the capital stock and change the par value of the shares of the Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill;

To incorporate the East Boston Railroad Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

**Physicians'
certificates
of death.**

The bill concerning physicians' certificates of death was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Boston
Steam Sup-
ply Co.**

The bill to incorporate the Boston Steam Supply Company was taken up, and the amendments proposed thereto by the House adopted in concurrence.

The Senate report on the petition of the East Boston Gas Company was accepted. East Boston Gas Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports, on the order relative to abolishing the office of Surgeon-General; and Surgeon-General.

On the annual report of the warden of the state prison, were severally accepted in concurrence. Warden of the state prison.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 1, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of G. A. Southworth and others, in aid of the passage of the bill proposing the annexation of certain towns to the city of Boston. G. A. Southworth et als.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Company (on the petition of E. D. Winslow and others); and Tremont Market Co.

A resolve to pay certain bounties to agricultural societies, were severally read and ordered to a second reading. C. Burleigh.

A report discharging the committee on Claims from the further consideration of the petition of Charles Burleigh, and referring the same to the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, was accepted in concurrence.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, Reports.

Of the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of J. C. Hoadley and others;

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of the New England Labor Reform League, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

A petition of John G. Mudge and others, for the consolidation of the Fitchburg, Vermont and Massachusetts and Troy and Boston Railroad Companies; and Hoosac Tunnel.

Remonstrances of,

E. H. Sawyer and others; and

A. S. French and others, severally against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its consolidation with certain railroads leading thereto, were referred to the committee on Railways.

B. Finan.

A petition of B. Finan for compensation for damages to the uniforms of the 9th regiment while on duty at the great fire in Boston, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

John A.
Beckerman
et als.

A petition of George Barrows and others, in aid of that of John A. Beckerman and others, was referred to the committee on Towns.

W. W. God-
ding et als.

A remonstrance of Rodney French and others, against the petition of W. W. Godding and others, was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

Remonstrances of

Andrew J.
Bates et als.
F. H. Cow-
ing et als.

Andrew J. Bates and others ; and

F. H. Cowing and others, severally against the repeal or modification of the act of 1869, relating to the catching of smelts, were referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Severally in concurrence.

Adjourn-
ment.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein, being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate voted to adjourn from this day until Tuesday March 4, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the same was carried in the negative : so the Senate refused to reconsider.

Bills.

The bills

Fixing the fees of clerks and registrars of towns and cities for registry and return of births ;

For the better organization of the fire department of the city of Fitchburg ;

In addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water ;

In relation to the reports of the inspectors of the state prison ;

Concerning accidents on railroads ;

To authorize Job T. Wilson to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize Barnabas Clark to extend his wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Children's
Home of
Fall River.

The Senate bill to unite the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society, under the name of the

Children's Home of Fall River, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Tyngsboro' and Brookline R.R.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills

Bills.

Concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions made for them in wills ;

To confer a veto power on the mayors of cities ;

To change the name of the Wellesley Female Seminary ;

To authorize John F. Dodge and others, to construct a wharf in Quincy ;

To authorize Owen Bearse to construct a wharf in Quincy, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill to incorporate the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association was passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

So. Framingham Camp Meeting Ass'n.

The House reports on the petitions of

The Dorchester Gas Light Company ; and

The New Bedford Gas Company, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

In addition to an act to incorporate the Holyoke Water Power Company.

To amend chapter 158 of the acts of the year 1871 in relation to road commissioners.

In further addition to an act making appropriations for the maintenance of the government during the present year.

The following engrossed resolves (all of which originated in the House) passed and were, laid before the Governor, with the exception of the last, to wit :—

Resolves passed and laid before the Governor.

Concerning the Universal Exposition at Vienna.

Providing for expenses incurred in the supervision of the Hoosac Tunnel.

For the reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance agents.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

G. Downes. Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of George Downes, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was accordingly ordered to a second reading.

State
Prison. Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the bill authorizing the construction of a new state prison, reported the same without amendment; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Agricul-
tural So-
cieties. Mr. Whittle, from the same committee, submitted a similar report on the resolve to pay bounties to certain agricultural societies; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

District
Attorneys. Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize district attorneys to employ clerical assistance, and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Hoosac
Tunnel. Mr. Parsons presented a petition of Hon. Edward Southworth and others, in favor of the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with certain railroads leading thereto.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.
Bills,

To extend the charter of the South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company (on the petition of the same);

To extend the charter of the City Mutual Fire Insurance Company (on the petition of the same);

To extend the charter of the Annisquam Mutual Fire Insurance Company (on the petition of the same);

To extend the charter of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad to build a wharf in Somerville (on the petition of said company);

To amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with water (in a new draft) were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Gloucester
and Lanes-
ville R.R.
Co. A report of the committee on Railways, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A petition of Israel W. Gerrish and others, in aid of the passage of the bill to enlarge the territory of, and unite certain towns with the city of Boston; and

Israel W.
Gerrish et
als.

Remonstrances of

Samuel H. Nye and others; and

John A.
Beckerman
et als.

B. F. Bourne and others, severally against the petition of John A. Beckerman and others, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Petitions of

William Dickinson and others; and

John G.
Whittier et
als.

Eliphalet Williams and others, severally in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others, were referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Petitions of

H. N. Daggett and others; and

Milford and
Woonsocket
R.R. Co.

James P. Ray and others, severally in aid of the extension of the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Also, a remonstrance of Luther Prescott and others, against the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company for authority to unite with the Fitchburg Railroad Company.

Boston and
Lowell R.R.
Co.

A remonstrance of G. B. Perry and others, against the repeal or modification of the act of 1869, concerning the cultivation of useful fishes, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

G. B. Perry
et als.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Company, was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Tremont
Market Co.

The Senate bill fixing the fees of clerks and registrars of towns or cities for the registry and return of births, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Registry of
births.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill for the better organization of the fire department of the city of Fitchburg was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Fitchburg.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill in relation to the reports of the inspectors of the state prison was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Inspectors
of the state
prison.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,
 Concerning accidents on railroads ;
 To authorize Job T. Wilson to construct a wharf in
 Fall River ;
 To authorize Barnabas Clark to extend his wharf in
 Fall River ;
 To authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of
 water commissioners, were severally read a third time and
 passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Reports.

The House reports on the petitions of
 The New England Labor Reform League ; and
 John C. Hoadley and others, were severally accepted in
 concurrence.

**West Tis-
bury.**

An engrossed bill to repeal chapter 107 of the acts of
 the year 1852, relating to the sale of parsonage lands in
 the parish of West Tisbury (which originated in the
 House) passed to be enacted and with the resolve for the

Ins. agents.

reimbursement of certain taxes overpaid by insurance
 agents, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Highways.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to
 suits for damages for injuries on highways ; and the same
 was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

L. A. Short.

Mr. Griggs, from the committee on Public Charitable
 Institutions, on the petition of Lydia A. Short, reported
 that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ; and the report
 was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

**Parishes
and religi-
ous socie-
ties.**

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Parishes and Religious
 Societies, on the order relative to qualification for member-
 ship in parishes and religious societies, reported that it is
 inexpedient to legislate thereon ; and the report being
 considered, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Banister,—

**Imprison-
ment of wit-
nesses.**

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider
 the expediency of amending chapter 214 of the acts of
 1872, relating to the imprisonment of witnesses.

Mr. Griggs presented a petition of B. Judd and others, John G. Whittier et al.
in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others.

Referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Potter presented petitions of Annexation of certain territory to Boston.
George A. Meacham and others ;
J. A. Grosvenor and others ; and
William G. Harris and others, severally for the union of
certain towns with the city of Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Mr. Dwelley presented a petition of T. B. Porter and Hoosac Tunnel.
others, for the consolidation of certain lines of railroads
leading to the Hoosac Tunnel.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Torrey presented a petition of Ohio Whitney and Worcester County.
others, for the establishment of an additional registry of
deeds in Worcester County.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To incorporate the Middleborough Savings Bank (on
the petition of Everett Robinson and others) ;

To incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston ;

To authorize the town of Edgartown to purchase the
franchise of the proprietors of Mattakeeset Creek (on the
petition of the selectmen of Edgartown), were severally
read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill to increase the salary of the sheriff of the county Worcester County.
of Worcester was read and referred to the committee on
the Judiciary.

A bill to fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Bristol County.
Bristol ; and

A resolve granting taxes to the several counties, were Taxes.
severally read and referred to the committee on the Treas-
ury.

A report of the committee on Military Affairs on the State arsenal.
the condition of the state arsenal ; and

A report of the committee on Manufactures that it is Hawkers & peddlers.
inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to the stat-
utes concerning hawkers and peddlers, were severally read
and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

State
House.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the State House inquire as to the expediency of enlarging the windows in the several committee rooms in use by members of the Legislature, not already enlarged during the present session of the General Court.

Harbor
commission-
ers.

The seventh annual report of the Harbor Commissioners was referred in concurrence to the committee on Harbors.

John G.
Whittier et
als.

Petitions of

Albert Darne and others ;

James Gifford and others ;

Anson Rice and others ;

Joseph C. Loring and others ;

J. S. Bell and others ;

William M. Newhall and others ;

F. P. Appleton and others ;

James Freeman Clarke and others ;

H. L. Sabin and others ;

John H. Stocker and others ;

Charles R. McLean and others ;

C. M. Howe and others ;

George C. Patterson and others ;

James Walker and others ;

W. S. Bowditch and others ;

Mrs. J. Ellerton Lodge and others ; and

James N. Buffum and others, severally in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others, were referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Severally in concurrence.

Thomas
Harlow et
als.

A remonstrance of Hiram Ellis and others, against the petition of Thomas Harlow and others ; and

William M.
Hobart et
als.

A remonstrance of William M. Hobart and others, against the repeal or modification of the act of 1869, in relation to the cultivation of useful fishes, were referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

A memorial of the New England Shoe and Leather Association, in relation to the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with certain lines of railroads leading thereto ; and

Ib.

A remonstrance of Daniel Wight and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its consolidation with any line of railroads, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Newton.

A petition of William Clafin and others, in aid of that of the school committee of the town of Newton, was referred to the committee on Education.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To extend the charter of the South Danvers Mutual
Fire Insurance Company;

Bills.

To extend the charter of the Annisquam Mutual Fire
Insurance Company;

To extend the charter of the City Mutual Fire Insur-
ance Company;

To extend the charter of the Merrimack Mutual Fire
Insurance Company;

To amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with
water; and

The resolves,

Resolves.

Authorizing the construction of a new state prison
building;

To pay bounties to certain agricultural societies;

In favor of George Downes, were severally read a sec-
ond time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad
Company to construct a wharf in Somerville was laid on
the table.

Boston and
Maine R.R.
Co.

The report, on the petition of the Gloucester and Lanes-
ville Railroad Company, was passed over.

Gloucester
and Lanes-
ville R.R.
Co.

The House bill to incorporate the Tremont Market Com-
pany, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in
concurrence.

Tremont
Market Co.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on Mercantile
Affairs, on the petitions of Atkins Nickerson and others,
and R. R. Freeman and others, severally for a change of
the laws concerning pilotage, reported that the petitioners
have leave to withdraw; and the report was laid on the
table.

Atkins
Nickerson
et als.
R. R. Free-
man et als.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the pe-
tition of Joseph Perkins and others, submitted a similar
report thereon; and the same was placed in the orders of
the day for to-morrow.

Joseph Per-
kins et als.

Pilotage.

Mr. Fuller presented a remonstrance of Henry Hastings and others, against the abolition of the laws relative to compulsory pilotage.

Laid on the table.

James Ritchie et al.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of James Ritchie and others, reported

A bill to authorize James Ritchie and others, to construct a wharf in Dartmouth.

Pawners' Bank of Boston.

Mr. Giles, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of John Bigelow and others, reported

A bill to amend the act of 1869, relating to the Pawn-ers' Bank of Boston.

Boston Commercial Building Co.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Avery Plumer and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Boston Commercial Building Company.

Holyoke.

Mr. Griffin, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of the town of Holyoke, reported

A bill to establish the city of Holyoke; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Lynn Gas Light Co.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill to amend chapter 35 of the acts of 1853, to incorporate the Lynn Gas Light Company; and

Tyngsboro'.

Mr. Todd, from the committee on Roads and Bridges on the bill to extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across Merrimack River in the town of Tyngsborough, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Hell Gate, New York.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the resolve concerning the laws affecting pilotage at Hell Gate, New York Harbor, reported that the same ought not pass; and the same was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Wright,—

Treasurer's of savings banks.

Ordered, That the committee on Banks and Banking consider the expediency of prohibiting the treasurer of a savings bank from holding the office of cashier of a bank of discount.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Parsons presented a petition of William L. Reed and others, for the consolidation of certain lines of railroads with the Hoosac Tunnel.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter, under a suspension of the rule, the vote whereby the bill concerning accidents on railroads passed to be engrossed, was reconsidered, and thereupon the same senator proposed an amendment to the bill, and pending the consideration of the same, the whole subject was recommitted to the committee on Railways.

Accidents
on railr'ds.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To enable towns to abolish the school-district system (on the petition of N. C. Osgood and others) ;

To amend the charter of the city of Newburyport ;

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water bonds (on the petition of said town), were severally read and the first and last were ordered to a second reading, and the second, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Mercantile Affairs inquire if there exists anywhere on the coasts of Massachusetts, the practice of burning wrecks or of setting up false beacon lights for the purpose of decoying ships ashore, and that the committee be instructed to provide by law severe penalties for any person who may be found guilty of either of the offences above referred to.

False beacon lights.

Also, that the committee on Railways be authorized to report such amendments to chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations," as they may deem expedient.

Railroad corporations.

A petition of Charles T. Savage and others, that the state may assume the franchise and property of the Fitchburg and the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Companies and control the same ; and

Hoosac Tunnel.

A petition of E. and F. King and others, for the consolidation of the Fitchburg and the Vermont and Massachusetts, the Troy and Greenfield and the Troy and Boston Railroad Companies, were severally referred to the committee on Railways.

Id.

A petition of Benjamin Poland and others, in aid of the passage of the bill to enlarge the territory of, and annex the same to, the city of Boston, was referred to the committee on Towns.

B. Poland et als.

A remonstrance of James R. Nichols and others, against the petition of George Lovejoy and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

G. Lovejoy et als.

John G.
Whittier et
als.

Petitions of
R. T. Davis and others ;
W. W. Russell and others ;
P. J. Russell and others ;
John B. Goodrich and others ;
Rodney French and others ;
Gorham B. Howard and others ;
William Alley and others ;
Harrison Root and others ; and
Eliphalet Trask and others, severally in aid of that of
John G. Whittier and others, were referred to the com-
mittee on Federal Relations.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To incorporate the Middleborough Savings Bank ;
Authorizing the town of Edgartown to purchase the
franchise of the proprietors of Mattakeesett Creeks, were
severally read a second time and ordered to a third read-
ing.

Apollo Club
of Boston.

The bill to incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston, was
referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

State
prison.

The Senate bill authorizing the construction of a new
state prison building, was read a third time and passed to
be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,
To extend the charter of the South Danvers Mutual In-
surance Company ;
To extend the charter of the City Mutual Fire Insurance
Company ;
To extend the charter of the Annisquam Mutual Fire
Insurance Company ;
To extend the charter of the Merrimack Mutual Fire
Insurance Company ;
To amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with
water ; and

Resolves.

The resolves,
To pay bounties to certain agricultural societies ;
In favor of George Downes, were severally read a third
time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate report on the petition of Lydia A. Short
and others, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports, on the order in relation to amend- Reports.
ment of the statutes concerning hawkers and peddlers ;

On the condition of the State Arsenal ; and

On the petition of the Gloucester and Lanesville Railroad Company, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad Boston and
Maine R.R.
Co.
Company to construct a wharf in Somerville was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Education, on Lenox Aca-
demy.
the petition of the trustees of Lenox Academy, reported

A bill authorizing the trustees of Lenox Academy to sell real estate.

Mr. Learned, from the committee on Water Supply and South Had-
ley Falls.
Drainage, on the bill in addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water, reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the Newbury-
port Lyce-
um.
petition of the Newburyport Lyceum Association, reported

A bill to incorporate the Newburyport Lyceum.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the pe- Superin-
tendents of
public
schools.
tition of the school committee of Newton, reported

A bill concerning the election of superintendents of public schools, and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on Highways.
the bill in relation to suits for damages for injuries on highways ; and

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the bill to Suffolk
County,
assistant
district at-
torneys of.
establish the salary of the assistant district attorneys for the Suffolk District ; and

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on the bill to Worcester
County,
sheriff of.
increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Worcester ; and

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on Bristol
County,
treasurer of.
the bill to fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Bristol ; and

County
taxes.

Mr. Whittle, from the same committee, on the resolve allowing county taxes, severally reported that these bills and the resolve ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

H. N. Eddy
et als.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of H. N. Eddy and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Coroners'
juries.

Mr. Wright, from the same committee, on the order relative to increasing the compensation of coroners' juries, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Cambridge.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of M. Jennings and others, for the annexation of Cambridge to Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. Dwelley presented a petition of J. Q. A. Lothrop and others, in favor of consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads, so called.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

City of
Lowell
Water Loan
Bonds.

A bill, from the House, to provide for a sinking fund for the city of Lowell Water Loan Bonds, was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Street rail-
ways.

A bill relating to extending the location and use of tracks of street railways (on an order in relation to the subject), was read and assigned for consideration on Wednesday March 12 at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Alfred A.
Stocker.

A report of the committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Alfred A. Stocker, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

William H.
Howe.

A petition of William H. Howe and others, that milk-cans may be made of uniform size, was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Nathan
Barker et
als.

A petition of Nathan Barker and others, in aid of the extension of the Hopkinton Railroad; and

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Certain resolutions of the town of Braintree, in relation to the proposed legislation in regard to the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with certain railroads, were referred to the committee on Railways.

A remonstrance of the mayor and city council of the city of Haverhill, against the petition of George Lovejoy and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

G. Lovejoy
et als.

Petitions of

John G.
Whittier et
als.

J. White Belcher and others ;
J. C. Allen and others ;
William Plumer and others ;
F. M. Stone and others ;
Otis Farnum and others ;
John Warren and others ;
C. W. Claflin and others ;
William Cobb and others ;
Hercules Dean and others ;
Peter M. Neal and others ;
Samuel Johnson and others ;
Phineas Harmon and others ;
George M. Barker and others ;
W. L. Powers and others ;
Alden Besse and others ;
Seth Thayer and others ;
James Peyton and others ; and
Samuel Morey and others, severally in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others, were referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To incorporate the Boston Commercial Building Com-
pany ;

Bills.

To amend the act of 1869, relating to the Pawnors' Bank of Boston ;

To amend chapter 35 of the acts of 1853, to incorporate the Lynn Gas Light Company ;

To establish the city of Holyoke ;

To authorize James Ritchie and others to construct a wharf in Dartmouth ;

To extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across Merrimack River in Tyngsborough ;

To enable towns to abolish the school district system ;

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water bonds, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Hell Gate in
New York
Harbor.

The resolve concerning the laws affecting pilotage at Hell Gate in New York Harbor, was in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

The Senate report, on the petition of Joseph Perkins and others was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To incorporate the Middleborough Savings Bank ;

Authorizing the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the proprietors of Mattakesett Creeks, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Boston and
Maine R.R.
Co.

The House bill to authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to construct a wharf in Somerville was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills enact-
ed and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

Concerning the waiver by widows of the provisions made for them in wills.

In addition to an act to incorporate the Nickerson's Wharf Company.

To incorporate the Quincy Point Street Railway Company.

To incorporate the Boston Steam Supply Company.

To incorporate the South Framingham Camp Meeting Association.

To incorporate the East Boston Railroad Company.

To authorize John F. Dodge and others to construct a wharf in Quincy.

To authorize Owen Bearse to construct a wharf in Quincy.

To amend the charter of the Gloucester Mutual Fishing Insurance Company.

To extend the charter of the Citizens' Mutual Insurance Company of Brighton.

To increase the capital stock and change the par value of the shares of the Freemasons' Hall Association in Haverhill.

To change the name of the Wellesley Female Seminary.

Resolves
passed and

The following engrossed resolves (both of which origi-

nated in the House) passed and with the above-named bills, laid before the Governor. were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To confirm and make valid a deed made by the executors named in the will of Ebenezer Crafts, deceased, and by a trustee under said will.

Providing compensation for land used for military encampments during 1872.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Henry Reed, reported Ella J. Buxton.

A resolve in favor of Ella J. Buxton; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize district attorneys to employ clerical assistance, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading. District Attorneys.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill defining the punishment for rape, arson, burglary and other offences, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of Rape, arson, burglary.

Bill to regulate challenges in criminal causes; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading. Challenges in criminal causes.

Mr. Todd presented a petition of Wait Bement and others; and

Mr. Woods, a petition of Charles Eastman and others, severally in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others.

Severally laid on the table.

Papers from the House.

A report of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the Gardner Young Men's Christian Association, was accepted in concurrence. Reports.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of John Davis and others; and

Of the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of George W. Whitton and others; and

A report, discharging the committee on the State Police from the further consideration of the petition of William Garrett, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Education inquire into the expediency of amending section 34 of chapter 38 of the General Statutes, by striking out after the word "towns" the words "one dollar," and substituting therefor the words "two dollars."

N. E. Cutler
et als.

A petition of N. E. Cutler and others, that the Commonwealth may assume the franchises and property of the Fitchburg and Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Companies; and

Hoosac
Tunnel.

A remonstrance of Lyman Woodward and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel and its consolidation with any line of railroads leading thereto, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Milk Produ-
cers' Ass'n.

A memorial of the Milk Producers' Association that milk-cans be made of the size to hold eight quarts, and that they be sealed, was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mass.
School
Fund.

A communication was received from the Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., transmitting the annual report of the commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills

To fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Bristol;

To fix the salary of the sheriff of the county of Worcester;

In addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water;

Authorizing the trustees of Lenox Academy to sell real estate;

Concerning the election of superintendents of public schools;

In relation to suits for damages for injuries upon highways;

To establish the salary of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District; and

The resolve allowing county taxes, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Newbury-
port Lyce-
um.

The bill to incorporate the Newburyport Lyceum was passed over.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Boston Commercial Building Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Boston Commercial Building Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to amend the act of 1869, relating to the Pawnors' Bank of Boston, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Pawnors' Bank of Boston.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize James Ritchie and others, to construct a wharf in Dartmouth, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Jas. Ritchie et al.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across Merrimack River in Tyngsborough, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Tyngsboro'.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Bills.

To enable towns to abolish the school district system ;

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water bonds, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate reports, on the order relative to the compensation of coroners' juries ; and Reports.

On the petition of Horatio N. Eddy, were accepted.

The House report on the petition of Alfred A. Stocker, was accepted in concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :— Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To incorporate the Central Club of Boston.

To amend the charter of the Turner's Falls Land and Improvement Company.

To increase the capital stock of the Union Hall Association.

For the better protection of persons employed in the state prison.

To authorize the town of Everett to choose a board of water commissioners.

To authorize Job T. Wilson to construct a wharf in Fall River.

To authorize Barnabas Clark to extend his wharf in Fall River.

To provide for a sinking fund for the payment of the city of Lowell Water Loan Bonds.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Fall River
Street Rail-
way Co.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of Weaver Osborne and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Fall River Street Railway Company; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

John G.
Whittier et
als.

Mr. Woodwell presented a petition of E. F. Stone and others, in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others.

Laid on the table.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To incorporate the Concord Free Public Library (on the petition of E. R. Hoar and others);

To amend chapter 242 of the acts of 1869, relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company (in a new draft);

Authorizing the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to change its name (on the petition of Eben Tourjée and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Appropriations.

A bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes; and

Resolves.

Resolves

In favor of the town of West Boylston (in a new draft);

To reimburse the treasury of Dukes County (on the petition of the commissioners of said county);

Providing compensation for general officers and staff of the militia for attendance upon encampments in the year 1872 (on the petition of General I. S. Burrell and others);

In favor of the disabled soldiers' employment bureau, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the two branches of the Legislature assemble in joint convention on Wednesday, the 12th day of March instant, at noon, for the purpose of comparing the journals of the two houses, and performing all acts and things necessary and proper to be in joint convention performed, in relation to the election of a person to represent the Commonwealth in the Senate of the United States, in place of Henry Wilson. U. S. senator.

A petition of Aaron Bacon and others, that milk-cans may be required to be made of uniform size and that they may be sealed, was referred to the committee on Agriculture. Aaron Bacon et als.

A petition of E. B. Perkins for authority to extend a wharf in Salem, was referred to the committee on Harbors.

A remonstrance of John H. May and others, against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel or its consolidation with any railroad corporations whose roads lead thereto, was referred to the committee on Railways. Hoosac Tunnel.

A petition of Charles Hubbard and others, that the voters of the towns proposed to be annexed to the city of Boston, may be allowed to vote on the question, was referred to the committee on Towns. C. Hubbard et als.

Severally in concurrence.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill to incorporate the Mount Olive Cemetery Association had been rejected by that branch. Mt. Olive Cemetery Assoc'n.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To authorize district-attorneys to employ clerical assistance ;

To regulate challenges in criminal causes ;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newburyport, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Ella J. Buxton was passed over. Ella J. Buxton.

The Senate bill to amend the charter of the Lynn Gas Light Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Lynn Gas Light Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Holyoke. The Senate bill to establish the city of Holyoke, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

South Hadley Falls. The Senate bill in addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Lenox Academy. The Senate bill authorizing the trustees of Lenox Academy to sell real estate, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Superintendents of public schools. The Senate bill concerning the election of superintendents of public schools, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Injuries upon highways. The bill in relation to suits for damages for injuries upon highways was passed over.

Bills. The House bills,

To establish the salary of the assistant-district attorney for the Suffolk District;

To increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Worcester;

To fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Bristol, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

County taxes.

The resolve allowing county taxes, was read a third time, amended in the title by substituting for the word "allowing," the word "granting," and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports, on petitions of John Davis and others, Wm. Garrett and George W. Whittier and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Newburyport Lyceum.

The bill to incorporate the Newburyport Lyceum was recommitteed to the committee on Education.

Tremont Market Co.

An engrossed bill (which originated in the House) to incorporate the Tremont Market Company, passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on Railways, to whom was recommitted the bill concerning accidents on railroads, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was accordingly ordered to be engrossed in concurrence. Accidents
on railr'ds.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Education, on the bill to incorporate the Industrial and Mechanical School of Boston; and Industrial
& Mechan-
ical School
of Boston.

Mr. Dwelley, from the committee on Agriculture, on the bill in addition to an act concerning dogs; and Dogs.

On the bill in relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities; severally reported that said bills ought not to pass; and they were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection. Dogs.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow for a second reading. Apollo Club
of Boston.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of C. S. Holbrook and others, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was laid on the table. C. S. Hol-
brook et al.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, the vote whereby the petition of E. B. Perkins was referred to the committee on Harbors, was reconsidered; and thereupon the Senate non-concurred in said reference, and the petition was returned to the House. E. B. Per-
kins.

The orders of the day was taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Fall River Street Railway Company;

To incorporate the Concord Free Public Library;

Authorizing the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to change its name;

To amend an act relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to authorize district attorneys to employ clerical assistance was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. District
Attorneys.

Sent down for concurrence.

Ella J. Buxton.

The resolve in favor of Ella J. Buxton was ordered to a third reading.

Injuries upon highways.

The Senate bill in relation to suits for damages for injuries upon highways, was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Challenges in criminal causes.

The Senate bill to regulate challenges in criminal causes, was read a third time, whereupon Mr. Brown rose to a point of order, which being stated, was, that the bill reported by the committee related to a different subject from that referred to them; and the senator giving his reasons for raising the point of order, the bill was passed over, and the reasons given were ordered to be printed.

Election of U. S. senator.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the election, on its part, of a senator in the Congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of the Hon. Henry Wilson.

And the roll being called, the senators present voted as follows, to wit:—

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield,

Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Fuller,	Harmon,	Learned,
Nye,	Packard,	Todd,
Whiting,	Woods.—11.	

For GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton,

Messrs. Brown,	Griffin,	Johnson, R.,
Lawrence,	Lobdell,	Parsons,
Stickney,	Torrey,	Wallace,
Washburn.—10.		

For GEORGE B. LORING of Salem,

Messrs. Carpenter,	Clark,	Coe,
French,	Giles,	Morse,
Potter,	Woodwell,	Wright.—9.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord,

Messrs. Dwelley,	Griggs,	Johnson, N. L.,
Learnard.—4.		

For WILLIAM WHITING of Boston,

Messrs. Banister,	Merrill.—2.
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For GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester,

Mr. Thompson.—1.

For CHARLES G. GREENE of Boston,

Mr. Jacobs.—1.

And it appearing that no person had received a majority of the votes cast, the Senate proceeded to a second ballot; and the roll being called, the result was as follows, to wit:—

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield,

Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Fuller,	Harmon,	Learned,
Nye,	Packard,	Potter,
Todd,	Whiting,	Woods.—12.

For GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton,

Messrs. Brown,	Griffin,	Johnson, R.
Lawrence,	Lobdell,	Parsons,
Stickney,	Torrey,	Washburn.—9.

For GEORGE B. LORING of Salem,

Messrs. Carpenter,	Clark,	Coe,
French,	Giles,	Morse,
Wallace,	Woodwell,	Wright.—9.

For WILLIAM WHITING of Boston,

Messrs. Banister,	Merrill.—2.
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For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord,

Messrs. Dwelley,	Griggs,	Johnson, N. L.,
Learnard.—4.		

For GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester,

Mr Thompson.—1.

For CHARLES G. GREENE of Boston,

Mr. Jacobs.—1.

And there being no choice, the Senate proceeded to a third ballot, which resulted as follows:—

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield,

Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Harmon,
Johnson, N. L.,	Learnard,	Learned,
Nye,	Packard,	Potter,
Todd,	Whiting,	Woods.—15.

For GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton,

Messrs. Brown,	Clark,	Griffin,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Lobdell,
Parsons,	Stickney,	Torrey,
Washburn.—10.		

For GEORGE B. LORING of Salem,

Messrs. Carpenter,	Coe,	French,
Giles,	Morse,	Wallace,
Woodwell,	Wright.—8.	

For WILLIAM WHITING of Boston,

Messrs. Banister,	Merrill.—2.
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For GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester,

Mr. Thompson.—1.

For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord,

Mr. Dwelley.—1.

For CHARLES G. GREENE of Boston,

Mr. Jacobs.—1.

And no person having received a majority of the votes cast, the Senate proceeded to a fourth ballot; and the roll being called, the senators voted as follows, to wit:—

For HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield,

Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Harmon,
Johnson, N. L.,	Learnard,	Learned,
Nye,	Packard,	Potter,
Todd,	Whiting,	Woods.—15.

For GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton,

Messrs. Brown,	Clark,	Griffin,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Lobdell,
Parsons,	Stickney,	Torrey,
Washburn.—10.		

For GEORGE B. LORING of Salem,

Messrs. Carpenter,	Coe,	French,
Giles,	Morse,	Wallace,
Woodwell,	Wright.—8.	

For WILLIAM WHITING of Boston,

Messrs. Banister,	Merrill.—2.
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For E. ROCKWOOD HOAR of Concord,

Mr. Dwelley.—1.

For GEORGE F. HOAR of Worcester,

Mr. Thompson.—1.

For CHARLES G. GREENE of Boston,

Mr. Jacobs.—1.

And there was no choice.

On motion of Mr. Merrill,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11½ o'clock, A. M.

The report on the petition of R. R. Freeman and others, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, reported the bill to extend the time for the location and construction of the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading. Plymouth & Sandwich Railroad.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend chapter 26 of the General Statutes, in relation to the public health, reported that the same ought not to pass; and it was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection. Public health.

Mr. Wright presented a petition of Alfred Perkins for relief from double taxation, under the law concerning the taxation of bank shares. Alfred Perkins.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail (on the petition of the commissioners), was read and ordered to a second reading. Dukes County.

Resolves,

Resolves.

In favor of George H. Johnston;

In favor of Timothy Murphy, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

A bill for the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Railroad Company (on an order in relation to the subject), was read and ordered to a second reading. Fish, preservation of.

The bill to supply the town of Natick with pure water came up concurred with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence. Natick.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the subject of out-door Relief for poor persons.

relief for certain parties, under the direction of the State Board of Charities.

Milk-cans.

Petitions of
Velorous Taft and others ; and

Joseph Hayward and others, severally that milk-cans may be made of uniform size and that they may be sealed, were referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Remonstrances of
James A. Gorham and others ; and

J. E. Doubleday and others, severally against the sale or lease of the Hoosac Tunnel, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Rodney
French et
als.

A remonstrance of Rodney French and others, against any increase of the state police force, was referred to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Boston Deaf
and Dumb
Library and
Lyceum As-
sociation.

A petition of the Boston Deaf and Dumb Library and Lyceum Association for aid from the state, was referred to the committee on Education.

Severally in concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, and in accordance with the law of the United States, the two branches met in

Convention

Election of
U. S. Sena-
tor.

For the purpose of choosing a senator in the Congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Henry Wilson.

And the roll being called, the members voted as follows, to wit :—

For GEORGE S. BOUTWELL of Groton,

Messrs. John H. Abbott,	Giles E. Brownell,	George E. Davis,
Francis R. Allen,	Moses L. Buck,	George J. Dean,
Andrew J. Bailey,	Jacob B. Calley,	Jedediah Dwelley,
Nahum Bailey, Jr.,	Adam Capen, Jr.,	Frederick D. Ely,
William Baker,	Sumner Carruth,	Geo. O. Fairbanks,
Geo. Bartholmesz,	H. B. Chamberlin,	C. C. Field,
John M. Batchelder,	Elijah H. Chisholm,	John H. Fisher,
Edward A. Berdge,	Albe C. Clark,	John E. Fitzgerald,
Hiram Berry,	George W. Clark,	Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,
Edw. L. Bigelow,	Jeremiah Clark,	Daniel C. Fletcher,
John Bigelow,	Alfred A. Clatur,	Granville E. Foss,
George B. Blake,	Isaac H. Coe,	William Frost,
Peleg Blankinship,	J. B. D. Cogswell,	Addison Gilbert,
Dennis Bonner,	John S. Coney,	Newell Giles,
Horace L. Bowker,	William H. Cook,	Charles A. Gleason,
James W. Bradley,	Daniel A. Cronin,	Step'n D. Goddard,
Richard Britton,	Joseph W. Cross,	Brownell Granger,
James Brown,	John Cushing,	Fitz E. Griffin,

Messrs. Martin Griffin,	Asa P. Morse,	Zoeth Snow, Jr.,
Isaac D. Hall,	Newton Morse,	Reuben G. Sparks,
J. W. Hammond,	John A. Nowell,	Frank. H. Sprague,
Simeon Hardy,	Edward O. Noyes,	Oliver M. Stacey,
Lewis Hayden,	Weaver Osborn,	Charles P. Stickney,
Samuel S. Haynes,	Liberty D. Packard,	Thomas N. Stone,
Lot Higgins,	Albert Palmer,	William B. Stone,
Samuel E. Hildreth,	Wm. C. Parker, Jr.,	Andrew H. Sweet,
Amos Hill,	Lloyd Parsons,	Charles Talbot,
Henry B. Hill,	Daniel A. Patch,	James G. Tarr,
John W. Hollis,	John Perkins,	William Taylor,
Charles J. Holmes,	Charles Perley,	E. Loring Thayer,
Lewis Holmes,	Calvin T. Phillips,	Joseph A. Titus,
Samuel B. Hopkins,	Francis E. Porter,	George A. Torrey,
George H. Hoyt,	Rodolphus Porter,	Quincy A. Vinal,
Barney Hull,	G. Purrington, Jr.,	William N. Walker,
E. Atherton Hunt,	J. Henry Read,	Levi Wallace,
Thomas P. Hurlbut,	John W. Regan,	Rodney Wallace,
Rich'n Hutchinson,	William Roberts,	Henry S. Washburn,
Jonathan Johnson,	Philip H. Robinson,	Andrew J. Waters,
Robert Johnson,	George T. Ryder,	Edward F. Watson,
Edward J. Jones,	S. D. Salmon, Jr.,	Tisdale S. White,
Jesse E. Keith,	George J. Sanger,	Wm. H. Whitfield,
A. R. Lancaster,	George P. Sanger,	Austin Whitney,
Edward Lawrence,	Joseph L. Sargent,	George D. Whittle,
George W. Lobdell,	Amos J. Saunders,	Robert R. Wiley,
George A. Marden,	Isaac F. Sawtelle,	Henry W. Wilson,
Elijah Marion,	Augustus J. Sawyer,	Benjamin F. Wing,
Albert Mason,	Roger H. Scannell,	Ezra D. Winslow,
David Mayhew,	Henry P. Shattuck,	Samuel Winslow,
Sam'l W. McDaniel,	Henry C. Skinner,	David T. Woodwell,
John B. Moore,	James Smith,	Carroll D. Wright.
Charles W. Morrill,	Joshua B. Smith,	—152.

FOR HENRY L. DAWES of Pittsfield,

Messrs. Wales Aldrich,	Henry Burt,	Chas. H. French,
Walter B. Allen,	Chs. V. Carpenter,	H. M. French,
A. S. Atherton,	Edward W. Chapin,	Robert O. Fuller,
Horace C. Bacon,	Francis W. Clark,	Kirke E. Gardner,
Aaron Bagg,	Charles R. Codman,	John Gates,
Prentiss C. Baird,	George Copeland,	Asa H. Goddard,
Joseph K. Baker,	William A. Creesy,	A. J. Gove,
Henry L. Bancroft,	Charles Crittenden,	Sam'l M. Griggs,
Julius K. Banister,	George G. Crocker,	Nathan W. Harmon,
Geo. W. Bardwell,	John Cummings,	Austin Hawley,
James M. Barker,	Ben. C. Currier,	David P. Hatch,
Elijah E. Belding,	William F. Darby,	Benjamin F. Hayes,
Ezekiel D. Bement,	Joshua W. Davis,	Francis B. Hayes,
Austin W. Benton,	William Dean,	Samuel W. Heath,
S. Waters Billings,	Seymour B. Dewey,	Emory A. Howard,
William R. Black,	Lewis J. Dudley,	David P. Howes,
William E. Blunt,	Joseph Dyer,	R. H. Humphrey,
Franklin Bonney,	H. J. Edwards,	Alexis W. Ide,
Bowman B. Breed,	Alonzo H. Evans,	Nathan S. Jenkins,
Richard F. Briggs,	Harrison O. Field,	N. L. Johnson,
William H. Buck,	Eustace C. Fitz,	Thomas M. Judd,
Addison Burnett,	Jehn W. Fletcher,	George P. Kendrick,

Messrs. Wm. R. Kentfield,	John B. Parker,	Henry Splaine,
Lucius W. Knight,	J. Winslow Peirce,	Francis D. Stedman,
Charles R. Ladd,	Henry W. Phelps,	James A. Stetson,
Noah D. Ladd,	Willard P. Phillips,	William Stewart,
W. H. Learnard, Jr.,	Wm. C. Plunkett,	John H. Studley,
Edward Learned,	Joseph S. Potter,	Geo. F. Thompson,
Geo. Y. Learned,	John Samson,	John D. Todd,
Willard Lewis,	Edward Sanford,	Marcus Truesdell,
Edward McCleave,	John E. Sanford,	Tim. W. Wellington,
Moody Merrill,	John C. Scott,	James L. White,
Thomas J. Morgan,	Nathaniel Sears,	William Whiting,
C. D. Morse,	Robert Seaver,	George H. Whitman,
Andrew M. Morton,	James B. Shaw,	Oliver Wolcott,
Lewis R. Norton,	John Shaw,	Moses D. Woodbury,
Francis A. Nye,	A. W. Shumway,	Elijah N. Woods,
Hiram Packard,	A. L. Soule,	Rufus D. Woods.
Timothy F. Packard,		—115.

For GEORGE B. LORING of Salem,

Messrs. Erastus P. Carpenter and George H. Harlow.—2.

For WILLIAM WHITING of Boston,

Messrs. I. W. Derby and Benjamin Heath.—2.

For CHARLES G. GREENE of Boston,

Messrs. Francis W. Jacobs and Hugh J. Toland.—2.

For JOHN K. TARBOX of Lawrence,

Messrs. Thomas Ingalls and William H. Loughlin.—2.

And declaration was made that George S. Boutwell appears to be elected.

The two branches separated.

Apollo Club
of Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston, was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Dogs.

The bill in addition to an act concerning dogs was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Fall River
St. Railway
Co.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Fall River Street Railway Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Dogs.

The bill in relation to licensing and registering dogs in cities was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Punishment
in the state
prison.

The House reports, on the order relative to requiring the inspectors of the state prison to report annually the number and nature of punishment inflicted therein; and

On the petition of William Forster, were severally William Forster. accepted in concurrence.

The House bills,

Bills.

To incorporate the Concord Free Public Library :

Authorizing the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to change its name ;

To amend an act relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate resolve in favor of Ella J. Buxton, was read Ella J. Buxton. a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Brown, under a suspension of the Street rail-
ways. rule, the vote whereby the bill relative to extending the location and use of tracks of street railways was assigned for consideration this day at 2½ o'clock, P. M., was reconsidered ; and thereupon the same hour to-morrow was assigned for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. Learnard,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches notify U.S. Sena-
tor. His Excellency the Governor that George S. Boutwell of Groton has been duly elected by the Legislature a senator in the Congress of the United States, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Hon. Henry Wilson.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 13, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, on the bill Plymouth
Co. R.R. to extend the time for the location and construction of the Plymouth County Railroad, reported the same in a new draft ; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wallace, from the same committee, on the bill relating to the Canton and Hyde Park Railroad Company Canton and
Hyde Park
R.R. Co. &
Prov. R.R.
Co. and the Boston and Providence Railroad Company ; and

Bills.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Insurance, on the bills,

To incorporate the State Official Insurance Company ;

To incorporate cities and towns into Mutual Fire Insurance Companies ;

To provide for municipal and state insurance, reported that said bills severally ought not to pass ; and they were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Rockland.

Mr. Griffin, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of Washington Reed and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the town of Rockland ; and

So. Abington.

On the petition of William L. Reed and others,

A bill to incorporate the town of South Abington.

Saugus.

Mr. Todd, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of the selectmen of Saugus, reported

A bill to relieve the town of Saugus in the support of a highway and bridges ; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mary E. Ramsey.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Mary E. Ramsey reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Wakefield.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the same committee, on the bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof ; and the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Insurance.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Insurance on the petition of C. F. Hodges and others, reported

A resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to appoint a commission to examine the subject of insurance ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Wright,—

Standard insurance policies.

Ordered, That the committee on Insurance consider the expediency of establishing a uniform or standard policy for insurance companies doing business in this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. Carpenter,—

Committees.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways be allowed further time, after the 22d day of March, in which to

make final report upon the matters previously referred to them.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Griffin,—

Ordered, That 500 copies of the Journal of the Senate Journal. of the extra session of 1872, be printed and bound with that of the present session.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Insurance on the memorial of the Boston Board of Trade, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston Board of Trade.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of Edmund Train and others, for the annexation of the city of Cambridge to the city of Boston. Cambridge.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of the selectmen of Medford, in aid of the passage of the bill to provide for a union of certain towns with the city of Boston. Medford.

Severally referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Woods presented the report of the librarian of the State Library; and the same was referred to the committee on the Library. State Library.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association, reported Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston.

A bill to amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston, and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fuller, from the same committee, reported the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading. Trustees of the Sigma Phi Society.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books (on an order relative to the subject), was read and ordered to a second reading. Text-books.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on the Labor Question be authorized to visit such manufacturing cities and towns in this Commonwealth as they, in their judgment, may deem proper. Committee on the Labor Question.

Boston
Land Co.

Petitions of

John McClure and others ; and

H. O. Floyd
et alia.

Henry O. Floyd and others, severally in aid of that of the Boston Land Company, were referred to the committee on Harbors.

Hooeac
Tunnel.

A petition of George C. Davis and others, that the state may assume the franchise and property of the Fitchburg and Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Companies, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Milk-cans.

Petitions of

John Blanchard and others ; and

Thomas Cummings and others, severally that milk-cans may be made of uniform size and that they may be sealed, were referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Insurance.

A report of the Insurance Commissioner, transmitting in compliance with an order of the Legislature, at the extra session, a statement of the dividends of certain fire and marine insurance companies for the last forty years, was referred to the committee on Insurance.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To extend the time for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail ;

Providing for the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bills,

To incorporate the Industrial and Mechanical School of Boston ;

To amend chapter 26 of the General Statutes, in relation to the public health, were, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

The bill to regulate challenges in criminal causes was passed over.

Street rail-
ways.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill relative to extending the location and use of tracks of street railways ; and the same was read a second time, amended, and the question on ordering the bill to a third reading was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,
Dwellely,

Brown,
Fuller,

Carpenter,
Giles,

YEAS.—Messrs. Johnson, N. L., Lawrence, Learnard,
 Learned, Merrill, Parsons,
 Potter, Thompson, Washburn,
 Whiting,—16.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Banister, Clark,
 French, Griffin, Harmon,
 Jacobs, Johnson, R., Lobdell,
 Morse, Nye, Packard,
 Todd, Wallace, Woods,
 Woodwell.—16.

So the bill was refused a third reading.

Subsequently, Mr. Learnard moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was refused a third reading; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Middleborough Savings Bank.

To extend the charter of the Annisquam Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

To extend the charter of the South Danvers Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

To extend the charter of the City Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

To extend the charter of the Merrimack Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

To amend an act to supply the city of Springfield with water.

An engrossed resolve in favor of George Downes (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

Resolves passed and laid before the Governor.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of O. O. Johnson and others; and

Mr. Whiting, from the committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the Simonds Manufacturing Company, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

O. O. Johnson et als.

Simonds Man'g Co.

Smelt fish-
ery.

Mr. Johnson presented petitions of
L. Foster Morse and others ;
Josiah A. Osgood and others ; and
John F. Newton and others, severally for amendment of
so much of the 384th chapter of the acts of 1869 as relates
to the smelt fishery.

Severally referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Hattie
Lemly.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on
Claims, on the petition of Norman W. Shores, reported
A resolve in favor of Hattie Lemley.

Camp
ground.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on
the Governor's address, reported

A resolve relating to the purchase of land for a camp
ground for the militia ; and these resolves were severally
read and ordered to a second reading.

Elizabeth
Martindale.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee
on Claims, on the petition of Elizabeth Martindale ;

C. B. Met-
calf et als.

Of the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of C.
B. Metcalf and others, were severally read and placed in
the orders of the day for to-morrow.

C. A. Bartol
et als.

A petition of the town of Manchester to construct and
maintain a causeway in said town, the same being in aid
of the petition of C. A. Bartol and others, was referred to
the committee on Harbors, in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and undebatable
matters being first acted upon, the bills,

To extend the time for the location of the Plymouth
County Railroad ;

To incorporate the town of Rockland ;

To incorporate the town of South Abington ;

To relieve the town of Saugus in the support of a por-
tion of a highway and bridges ;

To incorporate the trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of
Williams College ;

To amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Associa-
tion of Boston ; and

Insurance.

The resolve authorizing the Governor and Council to
appoint a commission to examine the subject of insurance,
were severally read a second time and ordered to a third
reading.

The bills,

Bills.

Relating to the Canton and Hyde Park and Stoughton Branch Railroad Companies, and the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation;

To incorporate the State Official Insurance Company of Massachusetts;

To incorporate cities and towns into Mutual Fire Insurance Companies at their election;

To provide for municipal and state assurance;

To guarantee insurance by mutual fire insurance companies, were severally, in accordance with the reports of the committees thereon, rejected.

The Senate reports, on the petitions of

Reports.

Mary E. Ramsey; and

The Boston Board of Trade, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to extend the time for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Plymouth & Sandwich Railroad.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Dukes Co.

The House bill to incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment which was sent down for concurrence.

Apollo Club.

Came up concurred.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of debatable matters, and the first matter therein being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill relative to extending the location and use of tracks of street railways, was refused a third reading, the question thereon was determined as follows, to wit:—

Street railways.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,
Dwellely,
Lawrence,
Merrill,
Stickney,
Wright.—16.

Bancroft,
Fuller,
Learnard,
Parsons,
Thompson,

Carpenter,
Griggs,
Learned,
Potter,
Washburn,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird,
Clark,
Giles,
Johnson, R.,

Banister,
Coe,
Griffin,
Lobdell,

Brown,
French,
Jacobs,
Morse,

NAYS.—Messrs. Nye, Packard, Todd,
Torrey, Wallace, Whittle,
Woods.—19.

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Text-books
for schools.

The bill to authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Adams and
Cheshire
Reservoir
Co.

The bill providing for the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company was passed over.

Challenges
in criminal
causes.

The bill to regulate challenges in criminal causes was next considered, and the point of order raised by Mr. Brown being stated, namely, "that the bill reported by the committee on the Judiciary is not in either form or substance or subject-matter the bill referred to them, and is not properly before the Senate," the President ruled that it was not well taken.

First, Because when the point of order was raised, the bill had been considered by the Senate and passed through its several stages, and therefore the time had passed within which the point of order could be properly raised.

Second, The bill reported by the committee is identical in substance with that referred to them.

And the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills enacted
and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first eight of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

To authorize the Worcester Mutual Fire Insurance Company to hold real estate.

To confirm the location of the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad in the town of Framingham.

To provide the town of Westborough with pure water.

To extend the time for the location and construction of the Framingham and Lowell Railroad.

In relation to the reports of the inspectors of the state prison.

Relating to the Tyngsborough and Brookline Railroad Company.

Allowing the Fall River Orphan Asylum and the Children's Friend Society to unite under the name of the Children's Home of Fall River.

To supply the town of Natick with pure water.

Authorizing the town of Edgartown to purchase the franchise of the proprietors of the Mattakeesett Creek.

To authorize the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to construct a wharf in Somerville.

To authorize the town of Woburn to issue additional water bonds.

To establish the salary of the assistant district attorney for the Suffolk District.

To enable towns to abolish the school district system.

To increase the salary of the sheriff of the county of Worcester.

To fix the salary of the treasurer of the county of Bristol.

A petition of W. C. Cowell and others, that the town of Wrentham may be authorized to raise money for a bi-centennial celebration, came from the House, admitted under a suspension of the 19th joint rule; and the Senate non-concurred therein.

W. C. Cowell et alia.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, to whom was recommitted the bill to incorporate the Newburyport Lyceum, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday, on the question of rejection.

Newburyport Lyceum.

Mr. Thompson presented remonstrances of

F. F. Fay and others; and

F. F. Fay et alia.

John Edgell and others, severally that the towns of Athol and Gardner may not be included in the proposed new district for the registry of deeds in northern Worcester.

John Edgell et alia.

Severally referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Woods,—

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by law that no scholar in any public school shall, for any cause, be detained therein against his will, beyond the regular school hours.

Detention of scholars in public schools.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,—

Inspection
of provi-
sions.

Ordered, That the committee on the Judiciary consider the expediency of amending chapter 49 of the General Statutes, in relation to the inspection and sale of provisions and other merchandise.

W. C.
Cowell et
als.

On motion of Mr. Giles, the vote whereby the Senate refused to suspend the 19th joint rule, in relation to the admission of the petition of W. C. Cowell and others, was reconsidered; and the question recurring on the suspension of the rule, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Brown,	Carpenter,	Clark,
Giles,	Griffin,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Morse,
Nye,	Thompson,	Whittle,
Woodwell.—13.		
NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Banister,	Coe,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Larnard,
Parsons,	Todd,	Torrey,
Washburn.—10.		

And four-fifths of the members present not having voted therefor, the Senate refused to suspend said rule.

Papers from the House.

Connecticut
River.

A bill to prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Connecticut River, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills.

Bills,

Concerning the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company (on the petition of E. B. Stoddard, President);

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend its railroad and mortgage the same (on the petition of L. H. Bowker and others);

To authorize Warren Ordway to construct a wharf in Haverhill (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the Union Wharf Company to extend their wharf at Vineyard Haven (on the petition of said company);

To authorize Cook Borden to construct a wharf in Fall River (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

State Industrial
School
for Girls.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the committee on Public Charitable Institutions consider the subject of making the advisory board of the State Industrial School for Girls, full members of the board of trustees of said institution.

A resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, Spain.
was read and ordered to a second reading.

A remonstrance of A. G. Parkhurst and others, against Boston and
the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company Co. R.R.
for a union with the Fitchburg Railroad Company, was
referred to the committee on Railways.

A petition of W. S. Potter and others, in aid of that of H. N. Hol-
H. N. Holbrook and others, was referred to the committee brook et als.
on Rods and Bridges.

Severally in concurrence.

A petition of Truman Walcott and others, for the pas- Freeman
sage of a law giving laborers a lien upon railroads came Walcott et
up, admitted in the House under a suspension of the 19th als.
joint rule.

The President ruled that a suspension of said rule was
not required; and the petition was returned to the House.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate Rockland.
bill to incorporate the town of Rockland, was read a third
time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the town of South Abing- So. Abing-
ton was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. ton.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the location of the Plymouth
Plymouth County Railroad, was read a third time and Co. R.R.
passed over.

The Senate bill to relieve the town of Saugus in the Saugus.
support of a portion of a highway and bridges, was read
a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the trustees of the Sigma Sigma Phi
Phi Society of Williams College, was read a third time Society.
and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to amend the charter of the Odd Fel- Odd Fel-
lows' Hall Association of Boston, was read a third time lows' Hall
and passed to be engrossed. Ass'n of
Boston.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate resolve authorizing the Governor and Council Insurance.
to appoint a commission to examine the subject of in-
surance, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books ;

Providing for the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Reports.

The Senate reports, on the petitions of O. O. Johnson, and

The Simonds Manufacturing Company, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Ib.

The House reports, on the petitions of Elizabeth Martindale ; and

C. B. Metcalf and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Fire-proof buildings.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the memorial of George E. Towne and others, reported

A resolve relative to the appointment of a commissioner to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bonds of trustees under wills.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported the bill relating to the bonds of trustees under wills without amendment ; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Boston Deaf and Dumb Library and Lyceum Associat'n.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Education, on the petition of the Boston Deaf and Dumb Library and Lyceum Association, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

John G. Whittier et als.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of J. L. Harriman and others, in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others.

Laid on the table.

Boston.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of M. W. Fletcher and others, that in the proposed annexation of the town of

Belmont, with others, to the city of Boston, the citizens of said town may be allowed to vote on the question.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Reports, discharging the committee on Claims from the further consideration of the petition of George M. Weston; and the committee on Public Charitable Institutions from so much of the Governor's Address as relates to the state workhouse at Bridgewater; and

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Manufactures, on the petitions of

B. F. Hutchinson and others; and

Edwin Ellis and others; and

A report of the committee on Insurance, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the report of the Insurance Commissioner on the standing and condition of insurance companies, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Boston Commercial Building Company, came up concurred, with certain amendments which were adopted in concurrence.

Bills,

To authorize the Wamesit Power Company to enter into mutual insurance with other corporations (on the petition of the same);

To amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, to authorize the formation of railroad corporations (on the Governor's Address), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A petition of Henry Clay and others, in aid of that of H. N. Holbrook and others, was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges in concurrence.

A bill to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen, came up admitted under a suspension of the 19th joint rule; and the Senate concurred in the suspension of said rule.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize Cook Borden to construct a wharf in Fall River;

To authorize the Union Wharf Company to extend their wharf in Vineyard Haven;

To authorize Warren Ordway to construct a wharf in Haverhill;

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend and mortgage its railroad; and

Worcester
and Shrews-
bury R.R.
Co.

The resolve concerning the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Spain.

The resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, was passed over.

Newbury-
port Lyce-
um.

The bill to incorporate the Newburyport Lyceum was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Plymouth
Co. R.R.

The bill to extend the time for the location of the Plymouth County Railroad was passed over.

B. H. & E.
R.R. Co.

The report of the commissioners of the sinking fund of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company; and

Mass.
School
Fund.

The report of the commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund for the year 1872, were severally taken from the table and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

C. S. Hol-
brook et als.

The report, on the petition of C. S. Holbrook and others, was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 18, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

H. Lemly.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Hattie Lemly; and

Disabled
Soldiers'
Employment
Bureau.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau; and

T. Murphy.
Appropriations.

The resolve in favor of Timothy Murphy; and

Mr. Whittle, from said committee on the bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year and for other purposes; and

Resolves.

The resolves

In favor of the town of West Boylston;

In favor of George H. Johnston, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Lawrence.
Claims, on the petition of the overseers of the poor of
the city of Lawrence, reported

A resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the
petition of Edward J. Jones, reported

A resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones; and these E. J. Jones.
resolves were read and referred to the committee on the
Treasury.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Newbury.
Societies, to whom was recommitted the report on the
petition of the First Parish of Newbury, reported

A bill to authorize the proprietors of the First Parish in
Newbury to sell real estate.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Probate
Probate and Chancery, on the order relative to the expenses courts.
of probate courts, reported

A bill in relation to the expenses of probate courts.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, to whom Old Colony
was referred the bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad R.R. Corpo-
Corporation to change its location in Sandwich and Barn-
stable, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills
were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Public Charitable Hospital for
Institutions, on the petition of the mayor of Boston, insane.
reported

A bill to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-
eastern part of the Commonwealth; and the same was
read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Todd, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on E. Tourjée
the petition of E. Tourjée and others; and et als.

On the petition of Lodge No. 4 of Independent Order I. O. of O. F.
of Odd Fellows; and Lodge No. 4.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the pe-
tition of Charles F. Tower, severally reported that the
petitioners have leave to withdraw; and these reports were
severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-
morrow.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to Juries in
empanelling juries in capital cases; and the same was read capital
and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. cases.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester presented a petition of James John G.
W. Jenkins and others, in aid of that of John G. Whittier Whittier et
and others. als.

Laid on the table.

Boston.

Mr. Potter presented a petition of Ira A. Bradley and others, in aid of the passage of the resolve providing for the annexation of certain towns to the city of Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To authorize Eunice H. Stanwood and Mehitabel F. Stanwood to construct a wharf in Ipswich (on the petition of the same) ;

To authorize Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball to construct a wharf in Haverhill (on the petition of the same) ;

Were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

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Bills,

To extend the time within which actions and prosecutions under the laws relating to inland fisheries may be commenced ;

To legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Truro.

A report of the committee on Manufactures, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the town of Truro ; and

**West Stock-
bridge.**

A report of the committee on Railways, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to a change in the position of the railroad station in West Stockbridge, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, to authorize the formation of railroad corporations ;

To authorize the Wamesit Power Company to contract for mutual insurance with other corporations ;

Relating to bonds of trustees under wills ; and

**Fire-proof
buildings.**

The resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize Cook Borden to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize the Union Wharf Company to extend its wharf at Vineyard Haven ;

To authorize Warren Ordway to construct a wharf in Haverhill ;

Concerning the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend and mortgage its railroad was laid on the table. Hopkinton R.R. Co.

The resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, Spain. was refused a third reading.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the location of the Plymouth County Railroad, was ordered to be engrossed. Plymouth Co. R.R.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate reports on the petitions of the Boston Deaf and Dumb Library and Lyceum Association ; and Reports.

Edwin Ellis and others, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports on the petitions of B. F. Hutchinson and others ;

George M. Weston ; and

On the report of the Insurance Commissioner ; and

On so much of the Governor's address as relates to the state workhouse at Bridgewater, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 19, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Connecticut River, reported that the same ought to pass, and it was ordered to a second reading. Conn. River.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of Edwin Chase and others, reported Holyoke & Northampton Boom & Lumber Co.

A bill to amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Insurance, on the Insurance policies.

order relative to establishing a uniform standard policy of insurance, reported

A bill in relation to insurance companies; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Worcester.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public park, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was accordingly ordered to a second reading.

Id.

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, submitted a similar report on the bill to amend the charter of the city of Worcester; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Abstracts of conveyances.

Mr. Wright, on leave, introduced a bill relating to abstracts of conveyances; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Dwelley presented a petition of David H. Bates and others, for the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads, so called.

Referred to the committee on the Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

John G. Whittier et als.

Mr. Carpenter presented a petition of Daniel Carpenter, in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others.

Laid on the table.

Papers from the House.

Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation.

A bill confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Newburyport.

A bill to authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue certain common landing places in said city, and for other purposes (on the petition of said city), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

A resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary (on the petition of the managers thereof), was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Capital stock of insurance companies.

A report of the committee on Insurance, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order in relation to limiting the amount of capital stock to be issued by insurance companies, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, In relation to the expenses of probate courts;

To authorize the proprietors of the First Parish in Newbury to sell real estate ;

Authorizing the Old Colony Railroad Company to construct a branch railroad in Barnstable ;

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes ;

To authorize Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball to construct a wharf in Haverhill ;

To authorize Eunice H. Stanwood and Mehitable F. Stanwood to construct a wharf in Ipswich ; and

The resolves

Resolves.

In favor of Hattie Lemly ;

In favor of the town of West Boylston ;

In favor of George H. Johnston ;

In favor of Timothy Murphy ;

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House bills

Bills.

To authorize the Wamesit Power Company to contract for mutual insurance with other corporations ;

To amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations ;

Relating to the bonds of trustees under wills, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Fire-proof buildings.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate reports, on the petitions of Charles F. Tower ;

Reports.

The New England Lodge No. 4, Independent Order of Odd Fellows ; and

E. Tourjée and others, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports, on the petition of the town of Truro ; and

On the order relative to the removal of the railroad station in West Stockbridge, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Hopkinton
R.R. Co.

The bill to authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend and mortgage its railroad, was taken from the table, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Spain.

Mr. Potter moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain was refused a third reading, and the question was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Coe,
Dwelley,	Griffin,	Johnson, R.,
Lobdell,	Merrill,	Morse,
Nye,	Parsons,	Potter,
Todd,	Wallace,	Woods.—15.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Carpenter,	Fuller,
Giles,	Harmon,	Jacobs,
Johnson, N. L.,	Lawrence,	Packard,
Thompson,	Torrey,	Washburn,
Whiting,	Woodwell,	Wright.—15.

And the President voting in the affirmative, the vote was reconsidered and the resolve was laid on the table.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the report of Charles P. Brooks, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw, and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 20, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Juries.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to empanelling juries in capital cases; and

Lynn Gas
Light Co.

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the bill to legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company; and

Real estate.

Mr. Wright, from said committee, on the bill relating to abstracts of conveyances of real estate, reported that the bills severally ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Fifth Con-
gregational
Society of
Springfield.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of A. G. Parker and others, reported

A bill to legalize the acts and proceedings of the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield, and to change the name thereof.

The same senator, from the same committee, to whom East Parish in Randolph. was recommended their report on the petition of C. H. Holbrook and others, reported

A bill to enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell its real estate.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the bill to incorporate the South Adams Water Company, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading. So. Adams Water Co.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to extend the time within which actions and prosecutions under the laws relating to inland fisheries may be commenced without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading. Inland fisheries.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill in relation to the sealing of weights and measures, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection. Weights & measures.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on the order relative to amending chapter 415 of the acts of 1869, in relation to the keeping of liquors by apothecaries, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon. Intoxicating Liquors.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, submitted a similar report on the order in relation to the setting up of false beacon lights and the burning of wrecks on the seashore. False beacon lights, &c.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of John Glancy, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. J. Glancy.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the report of the Secretary of the Board of Education, reported Teachers' institutes, &c.

A bill to amend the General Statutes, relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees and the attendance of children of public schools; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Todd,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs may have till April 10 to report on matters now before them. Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Morse, the same extension of time was granted to the committee on Towns. Committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

Mr. French presented a petition of George M. Washburn for the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads, so called.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Annexation
of certain
territory to
Boston.

Mr. Fuller presented a petition of J. V. Murdock and others; and

Mr. Potter, the petition of George A. Allison and others, in aid of the passage of the bill providing for the annexation of certain cities and towns to the city of Boston.

Referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Inquest in
case of fire.

Mr. Washburn, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act to provide inquest in case of fire; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

Amending an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary;

To authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport (on the petition of the same);

To authorize Elbridge G. Kelley to extend his wharf in Newburyport (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Corporation to increase its capital stock (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The following order was read and non-concurred in,—

Corporal
punish-
ment.

Ordered, That the committee on Education consider the expediency of providing by law that corporal punishment shall be abolished in the public schools.

H. N. Hol-
brook et als.

Remonstrances of

George H. Frost and others;

A. T. Stearns and others; and

S. S. Putnam and others, severally against the petition of H. N. Holbrook and others, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

A petition of E. and A. Mudge and others, for the consolidation of the so-called Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
In relation to insurance companies; Bills.

To amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and North-
ampton Boom and Lumber Company;

To authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public
park;

To amend the charter of the city of Worcester;

To authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue
certain common landing-places in said city, and for other
purposes;

To prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Con-
necticut River, were severally read a second time and
ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill in relation to the expenses of probate Probate
courts.
courts, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the proprietors of the First First Parish
in New-
bury.
Parish in Newbury to sell real estate, was read a third
time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill authorizing the Old Colony Railroad Old Colony
R.R. Co.
Company to construct a branch railroad in Barnstable, was
read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve in favor of Hattie Lemly, was read H. Lemly.
a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills, Bills.

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures au-
thorized the present year, and for other purposes;

To authorize Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball to
construct a wharf in Haverhill;

To authorize Emma H. Stanwood and Mehitabel F.
Stanwood to construct a wharf in Ipswich; and

The House resolves Resolves.

In favor of the town of West Boylston;

In favor of George H. Johnston;

In favor of Timothy Murphy;

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau,

were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Charles P.
Brooks.

The Senate report, on the petition of Charles P. Brooks, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Insurance
companies.

The House report on the order limiting the amount of capital stock of and the amount of dividends to be issued by insurance companies, was accepted in concurrence.

Bills enact-
ed.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across the Merrimack River in Tyngsborough.

To authorize James Ritchie and others, to construct a wharf in Dartmouth.

Relating to the Collateral Loan Company.

Authorizing the trustees of Lenox Academy to sell real estate.

To incorporate the Concord Free Public Library.

Authorizing the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to change its name.

To amend an act relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company.

In addition to an act establishing the city of Newburyport.

Providing for the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company.

To authorize the County Commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail.

Concerning accidents on railroads.

To authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books.

Resolves
passed.

The following engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed, to wit:—

In favor of Ella J. Buxton.

Granting taxes to the several counties.

N. E. Lodge
No. 4, I. O.
O. F.

On motion of Mr. Fuller, the vote whereby the report on the petition of the New England Lodge, No. 4, Independent Order of Odd Fellows was accepted, was reconsidered; and the report was recommitted to the committee on Mercantile Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs,—

Ordered, That the committee on Probate and Chancery consider the expediency of amending the laws relative to the jurisdiction of probate courts, with regard to the accounts of executors, administrators, trustees and guardians. Probate courts.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 21, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill to confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation; and Boston and Roxbury Mill Corp'n.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth; and Insane hospital in north-eastern part of the state.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, reported that said bills and resolve ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading. Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to sheriffs' juries, reported Sheriffs' juries.

A bill to authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Parsons, from the joint special committee on Woman Suffrage, on the petition of L. Maria Child and others, and on the order relative to amending the constitution in relation to granting the right of suffrage to women, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof. L. Maria Child et alæ.
Constitution.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the order in relation to granting out-door relief for certain poor persons, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Relief for poor persons.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of the city of Lawrence; and Lawrence.

On the resolve providing compensation for the general General officers of the

militia and
their staffs.

officers of the militia and their staffs, for attendance upon encampments in the year 1872, reported that said resolves ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.

Settlement
of estates of
deceased
persons.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on an order in relation to the subject, reported

A bill to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Commit-
tees.

On motion of Mr. Coe,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Liquor Law, be allowed until Wednesday the 26th inst., to report upon matters in their hands.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Worcester,—

Ordered, That further time, until the 10th of April, be allowed to joint committees and committees of the Senate to report on matters referred to them.

And so much of the order as relates to joint committees was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River (in a new draft);

To authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf in said town, and for other purposes (on the petition of the selectmen of said town);

In addition to the acts for the erection and regulation of mills (on an order in relation to flowage of highways by mills), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water, came up concurred, with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

The House bill to confer a veto power on the mayors of the several cities of the Commonwealth, came up concurred in the amendment proposed thereto by the Senate, with an amendment; and the Senate non-concurred therein.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Reports.

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Harris Gleason ;

Of the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of E. W. James and others ;

Of the committee on Federal Relations, on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Tax Commissioner furnish for the information of the Legislature, the facts called for and returned under the provisions of chapter 76 of the acts of 1870, so far as they relate to the year 1872. Indebted-
ness of
towns.

A remonstrance of George W. Kniffen and others, against the sale, lease or transfer of the Hoosac Tunnel to any persons or corporations, was referred to the committee on Railways. Hoosac
Tunnel.

Petitions of

A. Pope and others ;

John J. Glover and others ;

A. W. Baker and others ; and

H. B. Brown and others, severally in aid of that of H. N. Holbrook and others, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges. H. N. Hol-
brook et als.

A petition of the school committee of Gay Head for an appropriation in aid of the schools in said town was referred to the committee on Education. Gay Head.

Severally in concurrence.

The resolve concerning the condition of affairs in Spain, was taken from the table and refused a third reading. Spain.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

In relation to the empanelling of juries in capital cases ;

To legalize the acts and proceedings of the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield and to change the name thereof ;

For supplying South Adams with pure water ;

To enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell real estate ;

Relating to abstracts of conveyances ;

To extend the time within which actions and prosecutions under the laws relating to inland fisheries may be commenced ;

To legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company ;

- Bills.** To authorize Elbridge G. Kelley to extend his wharf in Newburyport;
 To authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport;
 Amending an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.
- Teachers' Institutes, &c.** The bill to amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children at school, was recommitted to the committee on Education.
- Lowell Horse R.R. Co.** The bill to authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, was laid on the table.
- Weights & measures.** The bill in relation to the sealing of weights and measures, was in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.
- Insurance companies.** The Senate bill in relation to insurance companies, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
 Sent down for concurrence.
- Holyoke & Northampton Boom and Lumber Co.** The Senate bill to amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
 Sent down for concurrence.
- Worcester.** The Senate bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay a public park, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
 Sent down for concurrence.
- Id.** The Senate bill to amend the charter of the city of Worcester, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.
 Sent down for concurrence.
- Newburyport.** The House bills,
 To authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue certain common landing places in said city, and for other purposes;
- Connecticut River.** To prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Connecticut River, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.
- Reports.** The Senate reports,
 On the order relative to the setting up of false beacon lights on the coast; and

On the order relative to the keeping of liquors by apothecaries, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate report, on the petition of John Glancy, was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 22, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to prevent the spreading of contagious disease, reported the same in a new draft; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading. Contagious disease.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the order in relation to the imprisonment of witnesses, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Imprisonment of witnesses.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on the order relative to amendment of the law in relation to the inspection of provisions, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Mercantile Affairs; and the report being considered, was accepted, and so much thereof as relates to the reference of the subject, sent down for concurrence. Provisions, inspection of.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company;

To extend the time for filing the location of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company (on the petition of the same);

To incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company;

To facilitate the further completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad (in a new draft);

In addition to the several acts concerning the First

Parish in Rowley (on the petition of the selectmen of said town), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports.

Reports, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

Of the committee on Insurance, on the order relative to requiring payment by insurance companies of losses by fire, within sixty days after loss;

On the order requiring conditions in policies to be printed in large type; and

On the report of the Insurance Commissioner of the amount of receipts and premiums of insurance companies of the Commonwealth;

Of the committee on Prisons, on the order relative to prohibiting the taking of fees for admission to the state prison;

Of the committee on Manufactures, on the order relative to further protection of consumers of gas; and

On the annual report of the Inspectors of Gas and Gas-meters; and

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Of the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of William Sears and others;

Of the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of Theodore Ames and others; and

A report discharging the committee on Claims from the further consideration of the order relative to the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of the school ship George M. Barnard, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Physicians' certificates of death.

A bill to amend chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relative to physicians' certificates of death, came up concurred in a new draft, and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The public documents.

Ordered, In concurrence, that there be printed six hundred copies of volumes two, three and four of the series of public documents of the year 1871, and that the same be distributed in accordance with the provisions of chapter 4, section 8 of the General Statutes.

Meridian lines.

Also, that the commissioner appointed by the Governor and Council to establish meridian lines in each county of the Commonwealth, be authorized to report in print.

Committee on Harbors.

The following order was laid on the table.

Ordered, That the committee on Harbors, have further time after the 22d instant to report, as the number of sub-

jects before them and their importance, require further time for the consideration of those not yet reported upon.

A resolve concerning railroad corporations, adopted by the town of Weymouth was referred to the committee on Railways. R.R. corporations.

A petition of Rachel Blanchard for reimbursement of a bank tax alleged to have been twice paid was referred to the committee on Claims. Rachel Blanchard.

A petition of Sarah S. Russell and others, for the establishment of separate prisons for women was referred to the committee on Prisons. Sarah S. Russell et als.

A remonstrance of C. W. Hodges and others, against the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, was referred to the committee on Railways. Boston and Lowell R.R. Corporation.

Severally in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To establish the hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the state;

In addition to the acts for the erection and regulation of mills;

To authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf in said town, and for other purposes;

To authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River;

To confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation; and

The resolves Resolves.

In favor of the city of Lawrence;

In favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bills, Bills.

To authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries;

To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons, were laid on the table.

The resolve providing compensation for the general officers of the militia and their staffs was passed over. General officers of militia.

The Senate bill in relation to the empanelling of juries in capital cases was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Juries in capital cases.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to legalize the acts and proceedings of Fifth Congressional

Society in Springfield. the Fifth Congregational Society in Springfield and to change the name thereof, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

East Parish in Randolph.

The Senate bill to enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell real estate, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Abstracts of conveyances.

The Senate bill relating to abstracts of conveyances, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To extend the time within which actions and prosecutions under the laws relating to inland fisheries may be commenced ;

To authorize Elbridge G. Kelley, to extend his wharf in Newburyport ;

To authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport ;

Amending an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary ;

To legalize the acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report, on the petition of E. W. James and others, was laid on the table.

Reports.

The Senate reports,

On the petition of L. Maria Child and others ; and

On the order relative to out-door relief for a certain class of poor persons, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House report, on the petition of Harris Gleason and others, was accepted in concurrence.

The report, on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, was assigned for consideration on Thursday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Education, on the petition of Louis Agassiz, reported Museum of Comparative Zoology

A resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoology; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Johnson, of Suffolk, from the committee on Harbors, on the bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel and extend its wharf on said channel, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading. Old Colony R.R. Co.

Mr. Whittle, on leave, introduced a bill to continue in force an act to incorporate the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company; and the same was referred, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, to the committee on Insurance. Lynn Mut. Fire Ins. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Wallace presented a remonstrance of the selectmen of Randolph against the petition of E. W. Thayer and others. E. W. Thayer et als.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

For the prevention of fraudulent insurance (on an order relative to the subject);

To amend chapter 178 of the General Statutes, relating to solitary imprisonment (on the petition of Theodore Ames and others);

To extend the time for the location of the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad (on the petition of the same);

To authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A resolve in favor of Myra E. Record, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. Myra E. Record.

Springfield. A bill to amend the charter of the city of Springfield, and for other purposes, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Assessors of taxes. A bill to increase the compensation of assessors of taxes, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

W. L. Burt et als. A petition of William L. Burt and others, commissioners, that they may be authorized to purchase additional land for the accommodation of the United States post-office and sub-treasury, was received, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, in concurrence.

Margaret Coggins. A report referring the petition of Margaret Coggins to the next general court, by the committee on Claims was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Committee. *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, have further time to report, as the number of subjects before them, and their importance require further time for the consideration of those not yet reported upon.

Also, that the committee on Banks and Banking be allowed further time for the presentation of reports on matters pending before them.

Also, that the committee on Roads and Bridges be granted further time in which to report to the House, matters referred to them, which for reasons beyond their control, they have been unable to duly consider and report at the time specified by the vote of the House.

H. N. Holbrook et als. Remonstrances of

O. S. Godfrey and others; and

O. T. Rogers and others, severally against the petition of H. N. Holbrook and others, were referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Sarah J. Hayward. A petition of Sarah J. Hayward for reimbursement of bank tax alleged to have been twice paid was referred to the committee on Claims.

Newton. A petition of the town of Newton for authority to issue bonds in aid of the Newton Cemetery Corporation, was referred to the committee on Towns.

Boston and Lowell R.R. Co. A remonstrance of A. H. Simpson and others, against the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company for authority to unite with the Fitchburg Railroad Company, was referred to the committee on Railways.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills. The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills
To prevent the spreading of contagious disease;

In addition to the several acts concerning the First BILL.
Parish in Rowley ;

To facilitate the completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad ;

To incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company ;

To extend the time allowed for filing the location and for the construction of the road of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company ;

To amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company, were read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the state was passed over.

The House bills

In addition to the acts for the erection and regulation of mills ;

To authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf in said town, and for other purposes ;

To authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River ;

To confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation ; and

The House resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

The resolve providing compensation for the general officers of the militia and their staffs, was recommitted to the committee on the Treasury.

General officers of the militia.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the order relative to the imprisonment of witnesses, was accepted.

Imprisonment of witnesses.

The Senate report on the special report of the Insurance Commissioner with a statement of the condition and standing of insurance companies, was accepted.

Insurance companies.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports

Reports.

On the order relative to the payment of losses by insurance companies within a specified time ;

On the order relative to requiring that the conditions of insurance policies shall be printed in large type ;

On the order relative to forbidding the taking of fees for admission to the state prison ;

On the order relative to the further protection of consumers of gas ;

On the report of the inspector of gas and gasmeters ; and on the order relative to the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of the school ship, George M. Barnard ; and

On the petitions of
Willard Sears and others ; and

Theodore Ames and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Lowell
Horse R.R.
Co.

The bill to authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to increase its capital stock was taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

Bills and
resolves laid
before the
Governor.

The following enacted bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

To extend the time for laying out a highway and constructing a bridge across the Merrimack River in Tyngsborough.

To authorize James Ritchie and others to construct a wharf in Dartmouth.

Relating to the Collateral Loan Company.

Authorizing the trustees of Lenox Academy to sell real estate.

To incorporate the Concord Free Public Library.

Authorizing the Boston Sunday School and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to change its name.

To amend an act relating to the Williamstown and Hancock Railroad Company.

In addition to an act to establish the city of Newburyport.

Providing for the preservation of fish in the pond of the Adams and Cheshire Reservoir Company.

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to erect a new jail.

Concerning accidents on railroads.

To authorize cities and towns to furnish pupils in the public schools with text-books ; and

The resolves,

In favor of Ella J. Buxton.

Granting taxes to the several counties.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

Concerning the Worcester and Shrewsbury Railroad Company.

To authorize Cook Borden to construct a wharf in Fall River.

To authorize the Union Wharf Company to extend their wharf in Vineyard Haven.

To authorize Warren Ordway to construct a wharf in Haverhill.

To incorporate the Boston Commercial Exchange Building Company.

To amend the charter of the Lynn Gas Light Company.

Concerning the election of superintendents of public schools.

An engrossed resolve (which originated in the Senate) confirming certain deeds of Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale, passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval. Ebenezer and Sarah W. Hale.

The Senate bill (in the orders of the day) for supplying South Adams with pure water, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. So. Adams.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve (in the orders of the day) in favor of the city of Lawrence, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Lawrence.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, March 25, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the House resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading. E. J. Jones.

Mr. Stickney, from the same committee, submitted a similar report on the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy; and the same was ordered to a second reading. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the order relative to the subject, reported

Probate
courts.

A bill in relation to the jurisdiction of probate courts; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Worcester
County
Registry of
deeds.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester presented a remonstrance of W. P. Clarke and others, against being included in the proposed new registry of deeds in Worcester County.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

John G.
Whittier et
als.

Mr. Baird presented a petition of J. H. Andrews and others, in aid of that of John G. Whittier and others.

Laid on the table.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To incorporate the trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College;

To authorize the town of Holyoke to take and hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company (on the petition of J. C. Parsons and others);

To amend the charter of the Union Freight Railroad Company (on the petition of the same);

In addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Light Company (on the petition of the same);

To further provide for assessing the expense of relocation of a highway, were severally read and the first four were ordered to a second reading, and the last referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports.

Reports, reference to the next general court,

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Paul Giddings;

Of the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of F. O. Dewey and others; and

Reports, granting leave to withdraw,

Of the last named committee, on the petition of I. T. Talbot and others;

Of the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the town of Watertown, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

C. F. Tit-
comb et
als.

A remonstrance of C. F. Titcomb and others, against the annexation of the town of Webster to the town of Dudley, was referred to the committee on Towns.

A. J. Bar-
tholomew
et als.

A petition of A. J. Bartholomew and others, that additional powers may be granted to the Board of Education, was referred to the committee on Education.

Severally in concurrence.

A bill to legalize certain acts of the town of Barnstable ^{Bills.} came up admitted under a suspension of the 19th joint rule; and the Senate concurred in the suspension of said rule.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel and to extend its wharf on said channel in Boston;

To authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands;

Extending the time allowed for locating the road of the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad Company;

Relating to solitary imprisonment;

For the prevention of fraudulent insurance, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to prevent the spreading of contagious disease, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

In addition to the several acts concerning the First Parish in Rowley;

To facilitate the completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad Company;

To incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company;

To amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company;

To authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill to extend the time allowed for filing the location and for the construction of the road of the Exeter and Salisbury Railroad Company, was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the state was passed over.

The House report, on the petition of Margaret Coggin, ^{Margaret Coggin.} was accepted in concurrence.

The bill to authorize trials in the superior court instead ^{Trials.} of before sheriffs' juries was taken from the table and re-committed to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, March 26, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Assessors of taxes. Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to increase the compensation of assessors of taxes without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Physicians' certificates of death. Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relating to physicians' certificates of death, reported that the same ought not to pass, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the petition of Edward C. Cabot and others, reported

Boston. A bill to amend chapter 371 of the laws of the year 1872, relating to the inspection of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Public warehouses. A bill in addition to chapter 206 of the acts of the year 1860, relating to public warehouses, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills. In addition to an act to incorporate the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company (in a new draft);

To authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate glass, and for other purposes (on the order in relation to the subject); and

Diseases among cattle. A resolve to aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle (on the report of the Cattle Commissioners), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Somerville. A report, discharging the committee on Harbors, from the further consideration of the petition of the mayor of Somerville, and referring the same to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, was accepted in concurrence.

H. Emery. A report of the committee appointed on the petition of Henry Emery, granting the petitioner leave to withdraw; and

Detention of scholars in schools. A report of the committee on Education that it is inex-

pendient to legislate on the order relative to forbidding the detention of scholars in the public schools after school hours, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A remonstrance of Stephen Flanders and others, against the petition of William A. Vandenhoo and others, was referred to the committee on the Fisheries. William A. Vandenhoo et als.

A petition of Benjamin H. Mann for compensation for military services as surgeon of the first battalion of cavalry, was referred to the committee on Military Affairs. B. H. Mann.

Remonstrances of, H. N. Holbrook et als.
Franklin King and others ; and

Pratt and Company and others, severally against the petition of H. N. Holbrook and others ; and

Remonstrances of H. H. Stevens et als.
Ira S. Ransom and others ; and

Henry Pratt and others, severally against the petition of H. H. Stevens and others, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Petitions of Highland St. Railway Co.
Robert B. Kent and others ;
Robert C. Metcalf and others ; and

Richard Downing and others, severally that the Highland Street Railway Company may be allowed to run its cars to East Boston, were referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Petitions of Andrew J. Perkins et als.
S. Q. Hervey and others ;

John H. Bean and others ; and

John R. Wellman and others, severally in aid of that of Andrew J. Perkins and others ; and

Remonstrances of Boston and Lowell R.R. Co.
George R. Cudworth and others ; and

Joseph Hager and others, severally against the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company ; and

A petition of John Cummings and others, for the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel line of railroads, so called, were referred to the committee on Railways. Hoosac Tunnel.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the mayor of the city of Fall River, reported Fall River.

A bill to amend the charter of said city ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Old Colony
R.R. Co.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of E. W. Thayer and others, reported

A bill authorizing the Old Colony Railroad Company to change the location of the portion of its road between South Braintree and Huntington Heights ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

General off-
icers of the
militia.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve providing compensation for general officers and staff of the militia for attendance upon encampments in the year 1872, without amendment ; and the same was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Reports.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee on the reports, Of the commissioners of the sinking fund of the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad Company ;

Of the commissioners of the Massachusetts School Fund for the year 1872, reported that legislation is unnecessary thereon ; and these reports were severally accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills

In relation to the jurisdiction of probate courts in certain cases ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company ;

To authorize the town of Holyoke to hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company ;

To incorporate the Delta Psi Society of Williams College ; and

Resolves.

The resolves,

In favor of Edward J. Jones ;

In favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Brookline
Gas Light
Co.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Light Company was laid on the table.

Old Colony
R.R. Co.

The Senate bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel in Boston, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the state was ordered to be engrossed.

Insane hospital.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Bills.

Extending the time allowed for locating the road of the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad Company ;

Relating to solitary imprisonment ;

For the prevention of fraudulent insurance, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands, was laid on the table.

The House reports on the petitions of

Reports.

James Sharp and others ;

I. T. Talbot and others ;

Paul Giddings and others ; and

F. O. Dewey and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To incorporate the Fall River Street Railway Company.

To extend the time allowed for locating and constructing the Plymouth and Sandwich Railroad.

In addition to an act to supply the village of South Hadley Falls with water.

To confirm an indenture between the Commonwealth and the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation.

Making appropriations to meet certain expenses authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Relating to the bonds of trustees under wills.

To authorize the Wamesit Power Company to contract for mutual insurance with other corporations.

To authorize Elias T. Ingalls and Alfred R. Kimball to construct a wharf in Haverhill,

To authorize the Hopkinton Railroad Company to extend and mortgage its railroad.

To authorize Eunice H. Stanwood and Mehitable F. Stanwood to construct a wharf in Ipswich.

To amend chapter 53 of the acts of 1872, entitled an act to authorize the formation of railroad corporations.

The following engrossed resolves (all of which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Resolves passed and laid before the Governor.

In favor of the Disabled Soldiers' Employment Bureau.

In favor of George H. Johnston.

In favor of Timothy Murphy.

In favor of the town of West Boylston.

Lynn Mut.
Fire Ins. Co.

The bill to extend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company, came up non-concurred in the suspension of the 19th joint rule to admit the same; and the bill was laid on the table.

Subsequently, a message was received from the House requesting the return of said bill to that branch; and, in compliance with the request, the same was returned.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, March 27, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Gay Head.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the petition of the school committee on Gay Head, reported,

A resolve granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools.

Fire, in-
quest in case
of.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill in addition to an act to provide inquest in case of fire, reported the same in a new draft.

Worcester,
county of.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on the petition of Amasa Norcross and others, reported

A bill to establish a registry of deeds in the northern district of the county of Worcester.

Worcester.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Education, on the report of the Secretary of the Board of Education, reported

A bill to amend chapter 380 of the acts of the year 1872, relating to land for a normal school at Worcester; and these bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Highway.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to further provide for assessing the expense of re-locating a highway; and

Myra E.
Record.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Myra E. Record, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the order in relation to enlarging the powers and duties of the board of education, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Board of
Education.

Mr. Griggs presented a remonstrance of George S. Ball and others, against the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company.

Boston and
Lowell R.R.
Co.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Mr. Potter presented petitions of
Mrs. R. H. Bigelow and others;
S. M. Jackson and others;
Mrs. William Gray and others; and
Mrs. William Clafin and others, severally for the establishment of separate prisons for women.

Prisons for
women.

Severally referred to the committee on Prisons.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

Relating to the certificates of authority of insurance brokers (on the order relative to amendment of the general insurance laws);

Concerning the purchasing of milk and the size of milk-cans (on an order relative to the making of milk-cans of the same size, and sundry petitions relative to the subject);

Concerning the Highland Street Railway Company (on the petition of the same);

Relating to the board of trustees and the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls (on an order in relation to the subject);

Relating to the management of lockups (on an order relative to the subject);

Relating to the compensation of school committees (on an order relative to the subject);

Relating to the taxation of insurance companies (on an order in relation to the subject);

To supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water (on the petition of George W. Kniffen and others);

To amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association (in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills.

Bills,

To amend chapter 32 of the General Statutes, relative to associations for religious, charitable and educational purposes ;

Relating to easements ;

Authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of persons ;

In relation to assistant clerks of courts ;

Providing for the organization of corporations for musical purposes ; and

Eastern and
Norwich &
Worcester
R.R. Corpora-
tions.

A resolve authorizing the attorney-general to discontinue proceedings against the Eastern and Norwich and Worcester Railroad Corporations in certain cases, were read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

State
prison.

A bill to provide uniforms for the officers of the state prison (on the report of the inspectors) ; and

Resolves.

Resolves,

In favor of Asahel P. Squires (on the petition of the same) ;

In favor of Murdock Matheson (on the petition of the same), were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Reports.

Reports of the committee on Railways, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of

David Smith and others ; and

Daniel Hussey and others, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Plymouth
Co. R.R.

The Senate bill to extend the time for the location of the Plymouth County Railroad, came up concurred with an amendment which was adopted in concurrence.

Andrew J.
Perkins et
als.

A petition of J. B. Howard and others, in aid of that of Andrew J. Perkins and others ; and

Boston and
Lowell R.R.
Co.

A remonstrance of Plumer and Company and others, against the petition of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Company, were referred to the committee on Railways.

Webster &
Dudley.

A petition of A. E. Day and others, for the annexation of the town of Dudley to the town of Webster ; and

Newton.

A remonstrance of John S. Farlow and others, against authorizing the town of Newton to issue bonds in aid of the Newton Cemetery Association, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Gay Head.

A petition of the selectmen of Gay Head in aid of the petition for the prohibition of seining in said town was referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Severally in concurrence.

Notice was received from the House announcing that the Senate bill to authorize district attorneys to employ clerical assistance had been rejected by that branch. District attorneys.

On motion of Mr. Thompson,—

Ordered, That the committee on Military Affairs, to whom was committed the subject of a revision of the laws relating to the militia, be authorized to report in print. Militia.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To amend chapter 371 of the laws of the year 1872, relating to the inspection of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes ;

Authorizing the Old Colony Railroad Company to change the location of the portion of its road between South Braintree and Huntington Heights ;

To increase the compensation of assessors of taxes ;

Relating to the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company ;

To authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate-glass, and for other purposes, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve providing compensation for the general officers of the militia and their staffs was ordered to a third reading. General officers of the militia.

The Senate resolve in favor of Edward J. Jones, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. E. J. Jones.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills, Bills.

To authorize the town of Holyoke to hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company ;

To incorporate the Delta Psi Society of Williams College, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bills

In relation to the jurisdiction of probate courts in certain cases ;

In addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company.

Physicians'
certificates
of death.

The bill relating to physicians' certificates of death was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Reports.

The House reports,

On the order relative to the detention of scholars in the public schools after school hours; and

On the petition of Henry Emery, were severally accepted in concurrence.

John G.
Whittier et
als.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report on the petition of John G. Whittier and others, the question being on the adoption of the following substitute proposed by Mr. Fuller:—

Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives, in general court assembled, that the "resolution relating to the bill pending in Congress concerning the army registers and the national flags," be and the same is hereby rescinded and annulled.

Mr. Jacobs proposed as a substitute for the above, the following:—

Resolved, That it is unnecessary for this legislature to declare its opinion concerning bills introduced and not acted upon in a now defunct Congress of the United States; and

Resolved, further, That it was equally unnecessary for the last legislature to declare its opinion concerning any bill introduced in the last Congress, no sufficient occasion having arisen therefor.

And the question being taken on the adoption of this substitute, it was decided in the negative.

And the question then recurring on the adoption of the substitute proposed by Mr. Fuller, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Clark,
Potter.—4.

Fuller,

Jacobs,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,
Coe,
Griffin,
Johnson, R.,
Lobdell,
Parsons,
Todd,
Washburn,

Bancroft,
Dwellely,
Griggs,
Lawrence,
Nye,
Stickney,
Torrey,
Woodwell.—23.

Banister,
French,
Harmon,
Learnard,
Packard,
Thompson,
Wallace,

So the substitute was rejected.

The question then being on the acceptance of the report, it was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Banister,	Carpenter,	Coe,
Dwellely,	French,	Griffin,
Griggs,	Harmon,	Johnson, R.,
Lawrence,	Learnard,	Lobdell,
Merrill,	Nye,	Packard,
Parsons,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Todd,	Torrey,	Wallace,
Washburn,	Woods,	Woodwell.—27.
NAYS.—Messrs. Clark,	Fuller,	Jacobs,
Potter.—4.		

So the report was accepted in concurrence.

The bills,

Bills.

To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons ;

To authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands, were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Woods, the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Agriculture. Mass. Ag. College.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, March 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committees on the Fisheries, on the order relative to the seining of smelts, and sundry petitions in relation to the subject, reported Smelts and white perch.

A bill to regulate the taking of smelts and white perch.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its road, reported the same in a new draft ; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading. Fall River, Warren and Providence R.R. Co.

Mr. Woods, from the committee on Agriculture, on the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agri- Mass. Ag. College.

cultural College, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration of so much of said report as relates to the military department, and that the same be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Railroad crossings.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to railroad crossings; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Abatement of a nuisance in Boston.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 277 of the acts of 1868; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

The Senate bills,

To relieve the town of Saugus in the support of a portion of a highway and bridges;

Authorizing the construction of a new state prison, came up severally concurred with amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

A bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Y. W. Ripley et als.

A petition of Y. W. Ripley and others, for the establishment of separate prisons for women, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Amending the charter of the city of Fall River;

To amend chapter 380 of the acts of the year 1872, relating to land for a normal school at Worcester;

To establish a registry of deeds in the northern district of the county of Worcester;

In addition to an act to provide inquest in case of fire;

To further provide for assessing the expense of relocating highways;

To amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association;

To supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water;

Relating to the certificates of authority of insurance brokers;

Relating to the compensation of members of school committees ;

Relating to the management of lockups ;

Relating to the board of trustees and the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls ;

Concerning the purchase of milk and the size of milk-cans ; and

The resolve in favor of Myra E. Record, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Myra E. Record.

The House bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company, was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading. Highland Street Railway Co.

The House bill in relation to the taxation of insurance companies was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Taxation of insurance companies.

The bills,

Bills.

Authorizing the Old Colony Railroad Company to change the location of a portion of its road between South Braintree and Huntington Heights ;

To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons, were severally passed over.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 371 of the laws of the year 1872, relating to the inspection of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

The House bills,

To increase the compensation of assessors of taxes ;

To authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate-glass, and for other purposes ;

Relating to the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company ; and

The House resolve providing compensation for the general officers of the militia and their staffs, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. General officers of the militia and their staffs.

The House bill to authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands was amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence. Weymouth.

Came up concurred.

The Senate report on the order in relation to increasing Board of Education.

the powers and duties of the Board of Education was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Reports.

The House reports, on the petitions of Daniel Hussey and others ; and

David and Ebenezer Smith, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills enacted.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit ;—

To incorporate the trustees of Sigma Phi Society of Williams College.

To authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt and to issue additional scrip.

For the better organization of the fire department of the city of Fitchburg.

To incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston.

Amending an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary.

To authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf and for other purposes.

To authorize Elbridge G. Kelley to extend his wharf in Newburyport.

To authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue certain common landing places in said city, and for other purposes.

To authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River.

To authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport.

To confer a veto power on the mayors of cities.

To prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Connecticut River.

To extend the time within which actions and prosecutions under the laws relating to inland fisheries may be commenced.

Mass. Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary (which originated in the House) passed.

Newburyport City Railroad.

Mr. Woodwell, on leave, introduced a bill to extend the time for the construction of the Newburyport City Railroad, and moved the reference thereof to the committee on Railways.

The Chair decided that the 19th joint rule requires the same to be referred to the next general court.

Thereupon, Mr. Woodwell moved a suspension of the rule; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, French, Johnson, R., Todd, Woods,	Banister, Harmon, Johnson, N. L., Stickney, Woodwell.—14.	Clark, Jacobs, Packard, Thompson,
NAYS.—Messrs. Coe, Lobdell, Washburn.—7.	Dwellely, Potter,	Learnard, Torrey,

So the Senate refused to suspend the rule, and the bill was referred to the next general court.

Subsequently, Mr. Woodwell moved to reconsider the above vote; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, March 29, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill providing for the organization of corporations for musical purposes; and

Musical
purposes,
corporations
for.

The House resolve authorizing the attorney-general to discontinue proceedings against the Eastern and Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies in certain cases; and

Eastern and
Norwich &
Worcester
R.R. Co's.

Mr. Jacobs, from said committee, on the House bills,
Relating to easements;

Bills.

In relation to assistant clerks of courts; and

Mr. Harmon, from said committee, on the bill authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of persons; and

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve to aid in the suppression of contagious diseases, severally reported that the same ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.

Contagious
disease.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

In addition to an act incorporating the Massachusetts

Bills.

Bills. Institute of Technology (on the petition of J. D. Runkle and others) ;

To amend chapter 375 of the acts of the year 1872, relating to the dividends of certain mutual fire insurance companies (on an order in relation to the subject) ;

In addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies, and for other purposes (on the petition of the Shoe and Leather Insurance Company), were read and ordered to a second reading.

Insurance companies.

A resolve authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to lease a building for the insurance department was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

J. H. Look.

A report of the committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of James H. Look was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills rejected by the House.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bills,

To incorporate the town of Rockland ;

To incorporate the town of South Abington, had severally been rejected by that branch.

Newburyport City R.R. Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate refused to suspend the 19th joint rule in order to refer the bill to incorporate the Newburyport City Railroad Company to the committee on Railways, was laid on the table.

Smelts and white perch.

The bill to regulate the taking of smelts and white perch was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Fall River, Warren & Providence R.R. Co.

The bill to authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Fall River.

The Senate bill amending the charter of the city of Fall River was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Normal School at Worcester.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 380 of the acts of the year 1872, relating to land for the normal school at Worcester, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Worcester County.

The Senate bill to establish a registry of deeds in the northern district of the county of Worcester was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next.

The House bills,

Bills.

To further provide for assessing the expense of relocating highways ;

To amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association ;

Relating to the certificates of authority of insurance brokers ;

Relating to the compensation of members of school committees :

Relating to the management of lock-ups ;

Relating to the board of trustees and the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls ; and

The House resolve in favor of Myra E. Record, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Myra E.
Record.

The House bill concerning the Highland Street Railway Company was read a third time, as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Highland
Street Rail-
way Co.

Came up concurred.

The bill concerning the purchase of milk and the size of milk-cans was read a second time and assigned for consideration on Tuesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Milk and
milk-cans.

The bill authorizing the Old Colony Railroad Company to change the location of the portion of its road between South Braintree and Huntington Heights was laid on the table.

Old Colony
R.R. Co.

A bill to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons was passed over.

Estates of
deceased
persons.

Also, a bill to supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water.

West Stock-
bridge.

The following enacted bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Bills laid
before the
Governor.

To incorporate the trustees of the Sigma Phi Society of Williams College.

To authorize the city of Fitchburg to fund its floating debt and to issue additional scrip.

For the better organization of the fire department of the city of Fitchburg.

To amend the charter of the city of Springfield.

To incorporate the Apollo Club of Boston.

Amending an act to incorporate the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

To authorize the town of Nahant to construct a wharf and for other purposes.

To authorize Elbridge G. Kelley to extend his wharf in Newburyport.

To authorize the city of Newburyport to discontinue certain common landing places in said city, and for other purposes.

To authorize the town of Medford to construct a bridge across Mystic River.

To authorize Moses E. Hale to construct a wharf in Newburyport.

To confer a veto power on the mayors of cities.

To prohibit fast driving on free bridges over the Connecticut River.

To extend the time within which action and prosecutions under the laws relating to inland fisheries may be commenced.

Mass. Char-
itable Eye
and Ear In-
firmery.

Also, a resolve in favor of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, March 31, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Manufac-
turers' Gas
Co. of Fall
River.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on Manufactures, on the petition of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River, reported

A bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of said company; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Gay Head.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools; and

Officers of
the state
prison.

Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the bill to provide uniforms for the officers of the state prison; and

Woburn.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water, severally reported that said bills and resolve ought to pass, and they were severally ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To establish the city of Gloucester ;

To punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only ;

To authorize cities and towns to establish hospitals ;

In relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire ;

To create the office of auditor for the superior court for the county of Suffolk, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills,

Id.

Authorizing the laying out and constructing of a highway in the town of North Bridgewater (on the petition of C. R. Ford and others) ;

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River, between Springfield and Agawam (on the petition of E. D. Allen and others) ;

Concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of the officers of company A, 6th regiment of infantry ;

Of the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of Thomas C. Harlow. were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A resolve in regard to discharged female prisoners was read and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions in concurrence.

Discharged female prisoners.

A remonstrance of Russell Gleason and others, against the petition of H. N. Holbrook and others was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

H. N. Holbrook et al.

A petition of the Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport, to sell certain property and dissolve said society was referred in concurrence, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies.

Baptist Soc. of Newburyport.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

In relation to an act incorporating the Mass. Institute of Technology ;

In addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies and for other purposes ;

Bills.

Authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of persons ;

Providing for the organization of corporations for musical purposes ;

Relating to easements ; and

The resolves,

Authorizing the attorney-general to discontinue legal proceedings against the Eastern and the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies ;

To aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to provide inquest in case of fire was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad, and for other purposes, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons was amended and ordered to a third reading.

The bills,

Relating to dividends of certain mutual fire insurance companies ;

In relation to assistant clerks of courts, were severally passed over.

J. H. Look.

The House report, on the petition of James H. Look was accepted in concurrence.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

For the prevention of fraudulent insurance.

Concerning the Highland Street Railway Company.

In relation to the taxation of insurance companies.

Insurance department.

An engrossed resolve authorizing the Sergeant-at-Arms to lease a building for the insurance department, and for

other purposes (which originated in the House), passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

On motion of Mr. Potter, under a suspension of the Boston. rule, the vote by which the bill to amend chapter 371 of the laws of 1872, relating to the inspection of buildings in the city of Boston and for other purposes, was ordered to be engrossed, was reconsidered; and thereupon the bill was laid on the table.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 1, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Clark, from the committee on Manufactures, on the Taxation of order in relation to the taxation of reservoirs, reported that reservoirs. it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the House.

A bill to amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Holyoke & Northampton Boom and Lumber Co. Northampton Boom and Lumber Company, came up concurred with certain amendments; and the bill was laid on the table and the amendments were ordered to be printed.

Reports, of the committee on Roads and Bridges, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of Reports.

George Lovejoy and others; and

The town of West Newbury; and

A report of the committee on the Fisheries, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the order concerning the ownership of fishways, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Petitions of

J. C. Hutchings and others;

Bickford Pulsifer and others; and

William Barry and others, severally for the annexation of the city of Charlestown to the city of Boston, were referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally in concurrence.

Annexation of Charlestown to Boston.

Bills reject-
ed by the
House.

A communication was received from the House, announcing that the Senate bills,

In relation to suits for damages on highways ;

In relation to the expenses of probate courts, had severally been rejected by that branch.

Clerks of
courts.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize clerks of courts to issue notice in certain cases ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Militia.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve relating to the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia without amendment ; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Baptist Soc.
of New-
buryport.

Mr. Coe moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the 19th joint rule was suspended in order to refer the petition of the Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell certain property and disband said society, to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies ; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, French,	Banister, Giles,	Brown, Whittle.—6.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Fuller, Jacobs, Lawrence, Packard, Todd, Whiting, Wright.—22.	Clark, Griggs, Johnson, N. L., Lobdell, Parsons, Torrey, Woods,	Coe, Harmon, Johnson, R., Nye, Potter, Wallace, Woodwell,

So the Senate refused to suspend said rule and the petition was then returned to the House.

Milk and
milk-cans.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill concerning the purchase of milk and the size of milk-cans ; and the same was amended and ordered to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills enact-
ed and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

To extend the time for the location of the Plymouth County Railroad.

To authorize the proprietors of the First Parish in Newbury to sell real estate.

Authorizing the Old Colony Railroad Company to construct a branch railroad in Barnstable.

Fixing the fees of clerks and registrars for the registry and return of births.

To incorporate the Fitchburg Street Railway Company.

To amend the charter of the Springfield Street Railway Company.

To legalize certain acts and proceedings of the Lynn Gas Light Company.

In addition to the several acts concerning the First Parish in Rowley.

In addition to the acts for the erection and regulation of mills.

Relating to solitary imprisonment.

Extending the time allowed for locating the road of the Southbridge and Palmer Railroad Company.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Light Company was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Brookline
Gas Light
Co.

A communication was received from Edward L. Pierce, transmitting the annual report of the State Board of Charities; and the same was referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions.

State Board
of Char-
ities.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Lexington, reported

Lexington.

A bill to authorize the town of Lexington to drain the meadows near the centre village.

Mr. Todd, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of the pilots of Gloucester, reported

Pilotage for
the harbor
of Glou-
cester.

A bill concerning pilotage for the harbor of Gloucester; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Asahel P. Squires, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Asahel P.
Squires.

Mr. Whittle, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of Murdock Matheson, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Murdock
Matheson.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Authorizing the Plymouth County Commissioners to lay

Bills.

out a highway over a portion of a burying-ground in North Bridgewater ;

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and Agawam ;

To provide uniforms for the officers of the state prison ;

Authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River ; and

Gay Head. The resolve granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Smelts and white perch. The bill to regulate the taking of smelts and white perch was read a third time, amended and ordered to be engrossed.

^ Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Woburn. The House bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills. The House bills

In addition to an act incorporating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology ;

In addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies and for other purposes ;

Providing for the organization of corporations for musical purposes ;

Relating to easements ; and

Eastern and the Norwich & Worcester R.R. Co's. The House resolve authorizing the attorney-general to discontinue certain legal proceedings against the Eastern and the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Contagious diseases among cattle. The House resolve to aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Settlement of estates of deceased persons. The Senate bill to expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Worcester County. The Senate bill to establish a registry of deeds in the northern district of the county of Worcester was ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bills,

Bills.

Relating to the dividends of certain mutual fire insurance companies ;

In relation to assistant clerks of courts, were severally ordered to a third reading.

The House reports, on the petitions of Thomas C. Harlow and others ; and

Reports.

The officers of company A, 6th regiment of the militia, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was read a second time.

Middlesex
R.R. Co.

Mr. Potter moved to strike out the second section thereof ; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Banister,	Brown,
Clark,	French,	Fuller,
Griffin,	Harmon,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Lobdell,	Nye,
Packard,	Todd,	Torrey,
Wallace,	Woods.—17.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Dwellely,	Griggs,
Lawrence,	Learnard,	Merrill,
Potter,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Whiting,	Whittle,	Wright.—12.

So the section was stricken out. And the question then recurring on ordering said bill to a third reading, the vote thereon was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Clark,	Dwellely,
French,	Griggs,	Lawrence,
Learnard,	Merrill,	Potter,
Stickney,	Thompson,	Whiting,
Whittle,	Wright.—14.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Baird,	Banister,	Brown,
Fuller,	Griffin,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Lobdell,
Nye,	Packard,	Todd,
Torrey,	Wallace,	Woods.—15.

So the bill was refused a third reading.

Subsequently, Mr. Learnard moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was refused a third reading ; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 2, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

State police. Mr. Coe, from the joint special committee on the Liquor Law, on so much of the address of the Governor as relates to the state police, and the report of the police commissioners, reported

A bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police.

Chapin Banking & Trust Co. Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield, reported the same in a new draft; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

State charities. Mr. Griggs, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to the state charities, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

On motion of Mr. Parsons,—

Liquor commissioners. *Ordered*, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to furnish to the Legislature a copy of the annual report of the Liquor Commissioner.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Great Ponds. A bill to regulate the leasing of Great Ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes (on the petition of T. D. Shumway and others), was read and ordered to a second reading.

Halifax. A resolve in favor of the town of Halifax (on the petition of the selectmen of said town), was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Bills.

Bills,
To regulate the fees of sheriffs presiding over sheriffs' juries;

Authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths;
Giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston for the sub-treasury and post-office site;

In relation to attachments and other liens upon real estate, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A report of the committee on Towns, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of John A. Beckerman and others; and Reports.

Reports, that it is inexpedient to legislate

On the message of the Governor respecting a statue to Major-General Meade; and

On the order in relation to relieving the city of Chelsea from the support of the bridge between Chelsea and Charlestown, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Friday.

A bill authorizing the commissioners on Public Lands to sell certain land to the city of Boston, was read and referred to the committee on Public Lands. Boston.

A remonstrance of James M. Stone and others, against the annexation of the city of Charlestown to the city of Boston, was referred to the committee on Towns. Charles town.

Severally in concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Clark, the report on the petition of D. R. Whitney and others was taken from the table, and the same senator thereupon proposed as a substitute therefor, a bill requiring returns in relation to steam boilers; and the report was placed in the orders of the day for Friday. D. R. Whitney et als.

The orders of the day were taken up, and undebatable matters being first acted upon, the bills, Bills.

Concerning pilotage for the harbor of Gloucester;

To authorize the town of Lexington to drain the meadows near the Centre Village; and

The resolves

Resolves.

In favor of Murdock Matheson;

In favor of Asahel P. Squires, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Manufacturers' Gas Co. of Fall River.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Bills.

Authorizing the Plymouth County Commissioners to lay out a highway over a portion of a burying-ground in North Bridgewater;

Bills.

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and Agawam ;

Relating to the dividends of certain mutual fire insurance companies ;

In relation to assistant clerks of courts, were severally read a third time and ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

Gay Head.

The Senate resolve granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Brookline
Gas Co.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Company was ordered to a third reading.

Reports.

The reports, on the orders,

Relative to the taxation of reservoirs ;

Relative to an inquiry as to whether any of the commissioners on Inland Fisheries are interested in the sale of fishways ; and

On the petitions of,

George Lovejoy and others ; and

The town of West Newbury, were severally accepted, the last three in concurrence, and the first sent down for concurrence.

Middlesex
R.R. Co.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of debatable matters, and the first being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill concerning the Middlesex Railroad Company was refused a third reading, the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Dwelle,	French,
Griggs,	Johnson, N. L.,	Lawrence,
Larnard,	Merrill,	Parsons,
Potter,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Wallace,	Whiting,	Whittle,
Woodwell.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird,	Banister,	Brown,
Clark,	Griffin,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Loddell,
Nye,	Packard,	Todd,
Torrey,	Woods.—14.	

So the vote was reconsidered ; and the question then recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft, Griggs, Learnard, Potter, Whiting,	Dwelley, Johnson, N. L., Merrill, Stickney, Whittle,	French, Lawrence, Parsons, Thompson, Woodwell.—15.
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NAYS.—Messrs. Baird, Clark, Harmon, Lobdell, Todd, Woods.—16.	Banister, Coe, Jacobs, Nye, Torrey,	Brown, Griffin, Johnson, R., Packard, Wallace,
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So the bill was again refused a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Asahel P. Squires was laid on the table. Asahel P. Squires.

The bill to provide uniforms for the officers of the state prison was passed over. State prison.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Wednesday was read.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on Bills.
the bills,

To authorize clerks of courts to issue notice in certain cases ;

To authorize towns and cities to establish hospitals ; and

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the bill to amend chapter 277 of the acts of 1868 in relation to the preservation of the public health of the city of Boston ; and

Mr. Harmon, from said committee, on the bill to establish the city of Gloucester ; and

Mr. French, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the bill to authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock, severally reported that these bills ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on so much of the report of the State Board of Health as relates to the slaughtering of cattle, reported

A bill in addition to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities.

Mr. French, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company, reported

Boston and
West Rox-
bury R.R.
Co.

A bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Domicil of
certain per-
sons.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to fix the domicil of persons residing in more than one city or town of the Commonwealth, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next general court; and this report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Torrey,—

General
Statutes &
supple-
ments.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to furnish a sufficient number of the last edition of the General Statutes and the supplements thereto for the use of the Legislature and the committees thereof.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To regulate the purchase and sale of eggs (on an order in relation to the subject);

To prohibit the drawing of any seine or drag-net near the mouth of the Gay Head Herring Creek (on the petition of William A. Vanderhoop and others);

Relating to the annual returns of railroad and street railway corporations (on an order relative to the subject); were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills,

In relation to the demolition of buildings during fires;

To provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder or manslaughter by reason of insanity;

To amend section 4 of chapter 21 of the General Statutes, relative to fees of sextons and others;

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes;

Relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency, were severally read and the first four were referred to the committee on the Judiciary, and the last, to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

A report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, granting leave to withdraw on the petition of John Holmes and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. J. Holmes et als.

The petition of the Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport came up, and the House *insists* on the suspension of the 19th joint rule to refer the same to the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies; and the Senate thereupon receded from its non-concurrence in said reference and concurred therein. Baptist Society of Newburyport.

The report on the petition of E. W. James and others, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. E. W. James et als.

The bill authorizing the Old Colony Railway Company to change the location of the portion of its road between South Braintree and Huntington Heights was taken from the table and indefinitely postponed. Old Colony Railway Co.

A communication was received from the House, announcing that the Senate bill relating to abstracts of conveyances had been rejected by that branch. Conveyances of real estate.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield;

To regulate the leasing of Great Ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bill concerning pilotage in the harbor of Gloucester was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed. Gloucester Harbor, pilotage in.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize the town of Lexington to drain the meadows near the Centre Village was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Lexington.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate resolve relating to the purchase of land for a camp ground for the militia was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Militia.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House resolve in favor of Murdock Matheson was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Murdock Matheson.

State
prison.

The House bill to provide uniforms for the officers of the state prison was amended and ordered to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

D. R. Whit-
ney et als.

The report on the petition of D. R. Whitney and others, was next considered, the question being on the adoption of the substitute proposed therefor by Mr. Clark, viz. :—
“ Bill requiring returns in relation to steam boilers ”; and the same was adopted and ordered to a second reading.

Steam boil-
ers.

State chari-
ties.

The Senate report on so much of the Governor's address as relates to state charities was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Reports.

The House reports,

On the order relative to relieving the city of Chelsea from the expense of maintaining Chelsea Bridge ;

On the message from the Governor relative to the erection of a monument to the memory of General Meade ; and

On the petition of John A. Beckerman and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

State police.

The bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police was read a second time.

Mr. Merrill proposed an amendment thereto, pending the consideration of which, the whole subject was laid on the table and the amendment ordered to be printed.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Boston and
Albany
R.R. Co.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Montgomery and Russell, reported the same in a new draft, and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Auditor for
superior
court of Suf-
folk Co.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to create the office of auditor for the superior court in Suffolk County, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for Monday on the question of rejection.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths ; and

Notaries-
public.

Mr. Jacobs, from said committee, on the bill relating to public warehouses, severally reported that said bills ought to pass.

Public
ware-
houses.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, submitted a similar report on the bill giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston for the sub-treasury and post-office site ; and these bills were severally ordered to a second reading.

Boston.

Mr. Wright presented a remonstrance of George W. Littlefield and others, against the petition of E. W. Thayer and others.

E. W.
Thayer et
als.

Referred to the committee on Railways.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Parsons, on leave, introduced a resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

C. J. Cox.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

Concerning the mode of administering oaths ;

To authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes ;

To establish a reformatory prison for women ;

Concerning fees of deputy sheriffs ;

To authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills,

Id.

To protect the shores and beaches of Scituate (on the petition of Daniel Ward and others) ;

To authorize the commissioners of West Boston Bridge and Cragie or Canal Bridge to reconstruct and widen Cragie or Canal Bridge (on the petition of the commissioners) ;

To authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek (on the petition of the Company) ;

To authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town (on the petition of C. A. Bartol and others) ;

To incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway Company (on the petition of M. B. V. Mower and others) ;

To amend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company (in a new draft) ;

Concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston ; and

A resolve in aid of the state library (on the report of the librarian), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Worcester. The Senate bill to amend the charter of the city of Worcester came up concurred with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

General laws relative to R.R. corporations.

A report of the committee on Railways, on so much of the report of the Railroad Commissioners as relates to the codification of the general laws relating to railroads, was referred in concurrence to a joint special committee to consist of Messrs. Torrey and Wallace of the Senate, and Messrs. Codman of Boston, Soule of Springfield, Barker of Pittsfield, Crocker of Boston and Bacon of Lawrence of the House.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To amend chapter 277 of the acts of the year 1868, in relation to the public health of the city of Boston ;

To authorize clerks of courts to issue notice in certain cases ;

To authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock ;

Concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company ;

To authorize cities and towns to establish hospitals ;

To establish the city of Gloucester ;

For regulating the sale of eggs ;

To prohibit the drawing of any seine or drag-net near the mouth of Gay Head or Herring Creek ;

Relating to the annual returns of railroad and street railway corporations, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Inspectors of provisions in cities and towns.

The bill in addition to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns was referred to the committee on the Treasury.

The House bill in addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Light Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Brookline Gas Lt. Co.

The bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield was read a third time, and pending the adoption of an amendment offered by Mr. Giles, the bill was passed over.

Chapin Banking & Trust Co. of Springfield.

The bill to regulate the leasing of Great Ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes was passed over.

Great Ponds.

The bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Steam-boilers.

The report on the bill to fix the domicil of persons residing in more than one city or town in this Commonwealth was accepted.

Domicil of certain persons.

The report on the petition of John Holmes, Jr., and others was accepted.

J. Holmes, Jr., et als.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House report on the petition of E. W. James and others, was accepted in concurrence.

E. W. James et als.

The following engrossed bills (the first six of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enacted.

To establish the city of Holyoke.

To enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell real estate.

To relieve the town of Saugus of a portion of the expense of repairing a certain highway and bridges.

To legalize the acts and proceedings of the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield and to change the name thereof.

To amend chapter 380 of the acts of 1872, relating to land for a normal school at Worcester.

Authorizing the construction of a new state prison building.

To incorporate the trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College.

To authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to increase its capital stock.

To authorize the town of Holyoke to hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company.

To authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate-glass, and for other purposes.

To facilitate the completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad.

To amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

To extend the time allowed for filing the location and for the construction of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway Company.

To increase the compensation of assessors of taxes.

Relating to the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company.

Relating to the compensation of members of school committees.

Relating to the board of trustees and the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls.

Relating to the certificates of authority of insurance brokers.

Further to provide for assessing the expense of relocating highways.

In addition to an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water.

Resolves
passed.

The following engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed, to wit:—

In favor of Hattie Lemly.

In favor of Myra E. Record.

Providing compensation for the general officers of the militia and their staffs.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Newbury-
port Bridge.

Mr. Todd, from the committee on Roads and Bridges, on the petition of the city of Newburyport, reported

A bill concerning the Newburyport Bridge; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Oaths, mode
of adminis-
tering.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill concerning the mode of administering oaths; and

Fees of sex-
tons.

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the bill relating to fees of sextons and others, severally reported that these bills ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Harmon, from said committee, on the bill to punish ^{Houses of ill-fame.} the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on Prisons, on the ^{Criminal insane.} order in relation to further provision for the treatment of the criminal insane, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, offered the following order, ^{Bureau of Statistics of Labor.} which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor be printed for the use of the Senate.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

To establish the salary of the attorney-general;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills.

Bills,

To relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees irregularly appointed or licensed, and for other purposes;

To facilitate the settlement of estates of deceased persons, were severally read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Bills;

To amend the charter of the proprietors of the Odd Fellows' Hall of the city of Boston (on the petition of the same);

Concerning state directors in railroad corporations (on an order in relation to the subject), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

The Senate bill to authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public park came up concurred, with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

A petition of H. N. Fisher and others, in aid of that of ^{W. A. Humphrey et al.} W. A. Humphrey and others, was referred to the committee on Towns in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery ;

To authorize trials in the superior court, instead of before sheriffs' juries ;

To extend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek ;

To authorize the commissioners on the West Boston and Cragie or Canal Bridges to reconstruct and widen Cragie or Canal Bridge ;

To protect the shores and beaches in Scituate ;

Concerning the sewers and drains in the city of Boston ;

Relating to public warehouses ;

Authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths ;

Giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston for the sub-treasury and post-office site, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.

The bills,

To extend the charter of the Lynn City Street Railway Company ;

To authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town were severally passed over.

The bill to create the office of auditor for the superior court in Suffolk County, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 277 of the acts of the year 1868, relating to the public health of the city of Boston, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize clerks of courts to issue notice in certain cases was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Boston and West Roxbury R.R. Co.

The Senate bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Steam-boilers.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield was next considered, and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Giles was withdrawn. The same senator thereupon proposed an amendment to the bill, which was adopted, and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

Chapin Banking & Trust Co. of Springfield.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill for regulating the sale of eggs was read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, and the bill was passed over.

Eggs.

The House bills,

Bills.

To authorize cities and towns to establish hospitals ;

To prohibit the drawing of any seine or drag-net near the mouth of Gay Head or Herring Creek ;

Relating to the annual returns of railroad and street railway corporations, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to establish the city of Gloucester, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, Mr. Fuller moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was passed to be engrossed ; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to regulate the leasing of great ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes was passed over.

The resolve in favor of Asahel P. Squires was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Asahel P. Squires.

A petition of George Butterfield and others, that the Commonwealth may purchase the franchise and property of the Fitchburg and the Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad Companies, was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Fitchburg & Vermont & Mass. R.R. companies.

The following enacted bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Bills and resolves laid before the Governor.

To establish the city of Holyoke.

To enable the East Parish in Randolph, now Holbrook, to sell real estate.

To relieve the town of Saugus of a portion of the expense of repairing a certain highway and bridges.

To legalize the acts and proceedings of the Fifth Congregational Society of Springfield and to change the name thereof.

To amend chapter 380 of the acts of 1872, relating to land for a normal school at Worcester.

Authorizing the construction of a new state prison building.

To incorporate the trustees of the Delta Psi Society of Williams College.

To authorize the Lowell Horse Railroad Company to increase its capital stock.

To authorize the town of Holyoke to hold additional shares of the capital stock of the Holyoke and Westfield Railroad Company.

To authorize the formation of companies to insure against loss or damage by breakage of plate-glass, and for other purposes.

To facilitate the completion and equipment of the Winthrop Railroad.

To amend an act to incorporate the Stoneham Odd Fellows' Hall Association.

To extend the time allowed for filing the location and for the construction of the Exeter and Salisbury Railway.

To increase the compensation of assessors of taxes.

Relating to the Lee and Hudson Railroad Company.

Relating to the compensation of members of school committees.

Relating to the board of trustees and the advisory board of the state industrial school for girls.

Relating to the certificates of authority of insurance brokers.

Further to provide for assessing the expense of relocating highways.

In addition to an act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water.

Also, the following resolves, to wit:—

In favor of Hattie Lemly.

In favor of Myra E. Record.

Providing compensation for the general officers of the militia and their staffs.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 8, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Bancroft, from the committee on Public Lands, on Boston. the bill authorizing the commissioners on Public Lands to sell land to the city of Boston for a school-house, reported the same in a new draft.

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Harbors, on the an- Fort Point Channel. nual report of the Harbor Commissioners, reported

A bill to change certain harbor lines in Fort Point Channel.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to military affairs, the annual report of the Adjutant-General, the order relative to compensation of officers and soldiers summoned before courts-martial, and the order relative to May training and Decoration day, reported

A bill concerning the militia; and these bills were sev- Militia. erally read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, Reports. on the petitions of,

Charles S. Babcock and others;

William Evans and others;

B. F. Finan and others; and

Dexter H. Follett, reported that the petitioners severally have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the petition of the Salem Oratorio Society, submitted a similar Salem Ora-
torio Soc'y. report thereon; and the report was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize the purchasers of the franchise of the Ware River
R.R. Co. Ware River Railroad Company to organize a corporation and complete the road (in a new draft) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston.

A bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir came up admitted under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, and the same was laid on the table.

Inspectors
of provi-
sions.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill in relation to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns; and

State lib-
rary.
Courts of
insolvency.

The resolve in aid of the state library; and

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency, reported that these bills and resolve severally ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Boston and
West Rox-
bury R.R.
Co.

On motion of Mr. Merrill, the vote whereby the bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company passed to be engrossed was reconsidered; and the bill was laid on the table.

Mass. Insti-
tute of Tech-
nology.

An engrossed bill in addition to an act incorporating the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Boston,
Lynn and
Peabody
R.R. Co.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on Horse Railways, on the petition of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, reported

A bill to continue the charter of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, and to reduce its capital stock; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Demolition
of buildings
during fires.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to the demolition of buildings during fires; and

Sheriffs'
juries.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the bill to regulate fees of sheriffs presiding over sheriffs' juries, severally reported that these bills ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Employment
of children
in manufact-
uring estab-
lishments.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, on the order in relation to the compliance of the officers of law with the provisions of the act of 1867, respecting the employment of children in manufacturing establishments, reported that subsequent legislation has been construed to relieve them from the enforcement of said act; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Gloucester.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate refused to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to incorporate the city of Gloucester was ordered to be engrossed.

The bills,

Bills.

Concerning state directors of railroad corporations ;

To amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston ;

Relating to the fees of sextons and others, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only was laid on the table. Houses of ill-fame.

The Senate bill to authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Boston and Albany R.R. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Superior court, trials in.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

Bills.

To extend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company ;

To authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek ;

To authorize the commissioners on the West Boston and Cragie or Canal Bridges to reconstruct and widen Cragie or Canal Bridge ;

To protect the shores and beaches in Scituate ;

Concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston ;

Relating to public warehouses ;

Authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths ;

Giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston, for the sub-treasury and post-office site, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town ; and Manchester.

The resolve in favor of Asahel P. Squires, were severally passed over. Asahel P. Squires.

The House bill to regulate the leasing of Great Ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence. Great Ponds.

The report on the order relative to an arrangement of Criminal insane.

apartments in the contemplated new state prison, for the criminal insane was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Lynn City
Street Rail
way Co.

The bill to incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway was further considered, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Carpenter,
Dwellely,	French,	Giles,
Merrill,	Morse,	Nye,
Packard,	Potter,	Thompson,
Todd,	Wallace,	Whittle,
Woodwell,	Wright.—17.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Harmon,
Washburn.—4.		

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Sale of eggs.

The bill for regulating the sale of eggs was next considered, the question being on ordering the same to be engrossed; and said question was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Dwellely,	Thompson.—2.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Banister,
Fuller,	Giles,
Jacobs,	Johnson, N. L.,
Morse,	Nye,
Todd,	Torrey,
Washburn,	Whittle,
	Woodwell.—18.

So the bill was rejected.

Bills.

Bills,
Concerning the Newburyport Bridge;
Concerning the mode of administering oaths, were severally passed over.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 9, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

G. J. Cox.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox; and

Halifax.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of the town of Halifax; and

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the House bill to provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder or manslaughter by reason of insanity, reported that said resolves and bill ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Confinement of criminal insane.

Mr. Griggs, from the committee on Public Charitable Institutions, on the petition of the trustees of the Taunton Lunatic Hospital, reported

State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

A resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Mr. Merrill, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ; and the same was read, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Intoxicating liquors.

The same senator, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act concerning street railway corporations ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Street railway corporations.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of Enoch Sanford ; and

Enoch Sanford.

Mr. Morse, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of Judson Chapin and others, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and these reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Judson Chapin et al.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

To increase the compensation for the support of paupers before removal (on the order in relation to the subject) ;

To authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as a part of the quota of said town in the recent war ;

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its road and to unite with the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company (on the petition of George W. Johnson and others) ; and

The resolve instructing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to examine the crossing of Broadway in Lawrence, by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and report thereon to the next Legislature (on the petition of Andrew J. Per-

Boston and Maine R.R.

kins and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Discharged female prisoners.

A resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Berkshire County.

A bill authorizing the clerk of the courts in Berkshire County to draw clerk hire from the county treasury was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

J. Kennedy et als.

A report of the committee on Horse Railways, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of John Kennedy and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Lunatic hospitals.

A bill concerning the commitment of persons to lunatic hospitals was read and referred to the committee on Public Charitable Institutions in concurrence.

Bank shares.

A petition of J. Willard Rice for the refunding of a tax on bank shares alleged to have been twice paid was referred to the committee on Banks and Banking.

Webster & Dudley.

A remonstrance of Charles Nye and others, against the annexation of the town of Webster to the town of Dudley was referred to the committee on Towns.

Severally in concurrence.

Bills.

The bills

To amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company ;

To punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only, were taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir was taken from the table, and the Senate concurred in the suspension of the 19th joint rule in relation thereto.

The bill in relation to the jurisdiction of probate courts in certain cases was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills

To change certain harbor lines in Fort Point Channel ;

To continue the charter of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, and to reduce its capital stock ;

To regulate fees of sheriffs for presiding over sheriffs' juries ;

Relating to the demolition of buildings during fires ;

To authorize the purchasers of the franchise of the Ware River Railroad Company to organize a corporation and complete its road ;

Relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency; and

The resolves in aid of the state library, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. State library.

The bill in addition to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns was ordered to a third reading. Inspectors of provisions.

The Senate bill authorizing the commissioners on public lands to sell a lot of land to the city of Boston for school purposes was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed. Boston.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate reports, on the order in relation to the enforcement, by the chief constable, of the laws relative to the employment of children in manufacturing establishments; and Employment of children in manufacturing establishments.

On the petitions of

The Salem Oratorio Society;

Dexter H. Follett;

B. F. Finan;

William Evans and others; and

Charles S. Babcock and others, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

Concerning state directors of railroad corporations;

Relating to the fees of sextons and others;

To authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town;

To amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston; and

The resolve in favor of Asahel P. Squires, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Bills.

The bill to incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway Company was read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,
Dwellely,
Griggs,
Lobdell,
Nye,
Potter,
Whiting,
Wright.—22.

Baker,
French,
Lawrence,
Merrill,
Packard,
Thompson,
Whittle,

Clark,
Giles,
Learnard,
Morse,
Parsons,
Todd,
Woodwell,

NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft,
Harmon,
Torrey.—7.

Banister,
Jacobs,

Fuller,
Johnson, N. L.,

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Subsequently, Mr. Harmon moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill passed to be engrossed; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The bills,

Concerning the Newburyport Bridge;

Concerning the mode of administering oaths, were severally passed over.

The bill in relation to the jurisdiction of probate courts in certain cases was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

The bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir was taken from the table and the Senate concurred with the House in the suspension of the 19th joint rule, in order to refer the same to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Bills.

The bills,

To amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company;

To punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only, were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Reformatory prison
for women.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to establish a reformatory prison for women without amendment; and the same was referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Attorney-
General.

The same senator, from the same committee, submitted a similar report on the bill to establish the salary of the attorney-general; and it was referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Reports.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petitions of John Hill and others;

Joseph P. Johnson and others ;
 John H. Jeffries and others ; and
 R. R. Freeman and others ; and

Reports.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of J. W. and H. L. Crocker ; and

Mr. Nye, from the committee on Harbors, on the petition of the Mystic River Corporation, severally reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw ; and these reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Banister, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing certain extra copies of the annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, reported that said order should not be adopted ; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Bancroft, from the committee on the Liquor Law, on the order in relation to the sales of liquor by apothecaries, reported

A bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Intoxicating
liquors.

Mr. Morse, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of the town of Milton, reported

A bill concerning the public landing places in the town of Milton. Milton.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, to whom was recommitted the bill to amend the General Statutes, relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees, and the attendance of children in the public schools, reported the same in a new draft. Teachers'
institutes,
&c.

Mr. Fuller, from the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the bill concerning pilotage, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of Cape Cod
station for
Boston
pilots.

Bill to establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots.

Mr. Griffin, from the committee on Towns, on the petition of George E. Rogers and others, reported Charles-
town and
Boston.

A bill to unite the city of Charlestown and the city of Boston.

Mr. Morse, from the same committee, on the petition of W. A. Humphrey and others, reported Brookline &
Boston.

A bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Claims, on the petitions of sundry parties for the refunding of bank taxes alleged to have been twice paid, reported Taxes on
bank
shares.

- Kenoza St. Railway Co.** A resolve refunding taxes twice paid on bank shares.
 Mr. Brown, from the committee on Horse Railways, on petition of Alfred Kittredge and others, reported
 A bill to incorporate the Kenoza Street Railway Company of Haverhill.
- Mill River in Taunton.** Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the petition of Charles L. Lovering and others, reported
 A bill in relation to the mill-dams on Mill River in the city of Taunton; and these bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.
- State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.** Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton; and
- C. J. Cox.** Mr. Learnard, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox; and
- Discharged female prisoners.** Mr. Whittle, from the said committee, on the resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners; and
- Deputy sheriffs.** Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill concerning fees of deputy sheriffs; and
- Haverhill.** Mr. Harmon, from said committee, on the bill in addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill, severally reported that said bills ought to pass, and they were ordered to a second reading.
- Securities in charge of the Treasurer of the Commonwealth.** Mr. Whittle, from the committee on Expenditures, on the order requiring them to examine the securities in charge of the treasurer of the Commonwealth, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that they found all moneys, notes, bonds, stocks and securities to agree with the schedule thereof; and the report was accepted under a suspension of the rule.
- Sent down for concurrence.
 Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

- Barnstable.** A bill to confirm the proceedings of the town of Barnstable in abolishing the school-district system was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.
- Insurance department.** *Ordered,* In concurrence, that the rooms now occupied by the State Insurance Department shall, when vacated, be reserved for the use of committees of the Legislature.
- Newton.** A petition of the town of Newton to be incorporated as a city was referred to the committee on Towns.
- Bank shares.** A petition of Ira Litchfield and others, for the refunding of a bank tax was referred to the committee on Claims.
 Severally in concurrence.

A petition of the selectmen of the town of Hudson for ^{Hudson.} legislation to prevent the changing of the grades of the streets in said town by certain railroad corporations, was referred in concurrence, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, to the committee on Railways.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills ^{Bills.}

To authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war ;

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its road and unite with the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company ;

To increase the compensation for support of paupers before removal ;

To provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder and manslaughter by reason of insanity ; and

The resolves

^{Resolves.}

In favor of the town of Halifax ;

Instructing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to examine the crossing of Broadway, in Lawrence, by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and report thereon to the next Legislature, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the militia was read a second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway Company was ordered to be engrossed, was considered, and the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,
Harmon,
Johnson, R.,
Parsons,
Washburn.—13.

Banister,
Jacobs,
Lobdell,
Torrey,

Fuller,
Johnson, N. L.,
Nye,
Wallace,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird,
Clark,
Griffin,
Merrill,
Potter,
Todd,
Woodwell,

Baker,
Dwellely,
Griggs,
Morse,
Stickney,
Whiting,
Wright.—20.

Brown,
Giles,
Learnard,
Packard,
Thompson,
Whittle,

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

Fort Point
Channel.

The Senate bill to change certain harbor lines in Fort Point Channel was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Inspectors
of provisions.

The Senate bill in addition to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions in cities and towns was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Boston,
Lynn and
Peabody
Railway Co.

The Senate bill to continue the charter of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, and to reduce its capital stock was passed over.

Bills.

The House bills

To regulate fees of sheriffs for presiding over sheriffs' juries ;

Relating to the demolition of buildings during fires ;

To authorize the purchasers of the franchise of the Ware River Railroad Company to organize a corporation and complete its road :

Relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency ; and

State li-
brary.

The House resolves in aid of the state library, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Houses of
ill-fame.

The bill to punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only was next considered, the question being on the rejection of the same, and it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Carpenter,
Fuller,	Giles,	Griffin,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Merrill,
Torrey,	Washburn,	Whiting,
Wright.—18.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Dwelley,	Johnson, N. L.,	Morse,
Thompson,	Whittle,	Woodwell.—6.

So the bill was rejected.

Newbury-
port Bridge.

The bill concerning the Newburyport Bridge was further considered and passed over.

Oaths, mode
of adminis-
tering.

The bill concerning the mode of administering oaths was considered, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was taken by yeas and nays, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
Dwelley,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, N. L.,

YEAS.—Messrs. Merrill, Todd, Torrey,
Wallace, Whittle, Woodwell.—15.

NAYS.—Messrs. Fuller, Morse, Thompson,
Whiting.—4.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company was taken up, and the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed therein by the House.

Holyoke &
Northamp-
ton Boom &
Lumber Co.

The Senate reports on the petitions of
Enoch Sanford, and

Reports.

Judson Chapin and others, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House report on the petition of John Kennedy and others was accepted in concurrence.

The bill to amend chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Boston
building
act.

Mr. Wallace moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war was ordered to a third reading; and the motion being considered, under a suspension of the rule, was laid on the table.

Wakefield.

Mr. Morse moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only was rejected; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Houses of
ill-fame.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Public Lands, on the petition of the Boston Land Company, reported

Boston
Land Co.

A bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to exclude tide-water from their land ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Interest on
taxes.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes ; and

Barnstable.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on the bill to confirm the proceedings of the town of Barnstable in abolishing the school-district system, severally reported that said bills ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Joseph B.
Bowker.

Mr. Dwelley, on leave, introduced a resolve in favor of Joseph B. Bowker ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

County of
Essex.

Mr. Harmon, on leave, introduced a resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to borrow money ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Prisons.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Guardians.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof ; and the report was accepted, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Arlington.

Mr. Lobdell, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, on the petition of the selectmen and others of Arlington, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Public Land
Commissioners.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Harbors, on the annual report of the commissioners on Public Lands, reported that legislation is unnecessary thereon ; and these reports were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Torrey,—

Transporta-
tion of pas-
sengers and
freight over
connecting
railroads.

Ordered, That the committee on Railways consider the expediency of repealing or amending section 1 of chapter 180 of the laws of the year 1872.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

E. Crane et
als.

A report of the committee on Railways, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Edward Crane and associates ; and

A report of said committee, referring the resolves concerning railroad corporations, passed by the town of Weymouth, to the next general court; and

Railroad
corporat'ns.

A report discharging the same committee from the further consideration of the order in relation to charges for certain kinds of freight upon the Boston and Albany Railroad; and

Boston and
Albany R.
R. charges
for freight
on.

A report of said committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the communication from the secretary of the board of agriculture concerning the tariff for freight upon railroads, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Tariff for
freight on
railroads.

The order for furnishing the General Statutes and supplements thereto for the use of members of the Legislature and the committee rooms came up concurred by the substitution of the following order, which was adopted:—

General
Statutes,
&c.

Ordered, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to furnish not exceeding forty copies of the last edition of the General Statutes and the supplements thereto, for the use of the Legislature and the committees thereof.

A remonstrance of John M. Gourgass against the consolidation of the Lowell and Fitchburg Railroad Companies was referred in concurrence to the committee on Railways.

Boston and
Lowell R.R.
Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

Concerning the public landing-places in the town of Milton;

To amend the General Statutes relating to Teachers' Institutes, the duties of school committees and the attendance of children in the public schools;

To establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots;

In relation to the mill-dams on Mill River, in the city of Taunton;

To incorporate the Kenoza Street Railway Company of Haverhill;

In addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill;

Concerning the fees of deputy sheriffs; and

The resolves

Resolves.

Refunding taxes twice paid on bank shares;

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton;

In favor of Charles J. Cox;

In aid of discharged female prisoners, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-

Houses of
ill-fame.

houses by imprisonment only was rejected was carried in the affirmative, and the bill was then read a second time.

Mr. Morse proposed a substitute therefor which was read and passed over.

Bills.

The bills

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline;

To unite the city of Charlestown and the city of Boston, were severally read a second time and assigned for consideration on Tuesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was laid on the table.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

The order in relation to printing certain extra copies of the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

R. R. Freeman et al.

The report on the petition of R. R. Freeman and others was considered, whereupon Mr. Baker proposed a bill as a substitute therefor; and the whole subject was passed over and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Reports.

The Senate reports on the petitions of

John Hill and others;

J. W. and H. L. Crocker; and

The Mystic River Corporation, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its road and unite with the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company;

To increase the compensation for support of paupers before removal;

To provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder and manslaughter by reason of insanity;

Concerning the mode of administering oaths; and

Lawrence, crossing of Broadway in.

The resolve instructing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to examine the crossing of Broadway, in Lawrence, by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and report thereon to the next Legislature; were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Co.

The Senate bill to continue the charter of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company, and to reduce its capital stock was ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to amend chapter three hundred and seventy-one of the laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, relating to the regulation and inspection of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes was further amended and passed to be engrossed.

Boston
building act.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill concerning the Newburyport Bridge was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Newbury-
port Bridge.

The bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police was taken from the table and assigned for consideration on Wednesday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

State police.

The House resolve in favor of the town of Halifax was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Halifax.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

Bills enact-
ed.

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel and extend its wharf on said channel in Boston.

To amend the charter of the city of Worcester relative to the purchase and control of city property.

To authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands.

Authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of persons.

Authorizing the Plymouth County Commissioners to lay out a highway over a portion of a burying-ground in North Bridgewater.

In addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies, and for other purposes.

Concerning the purchase of milk and the size of milk-cans.

In addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Company.

To supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water.

Providing for the organization of corporations for musical purposes.

Relating to easements.

Relating to the management of lock-ups.

Relating to the dividends of certain mutual fire insurance companies.

In relation to assistant clerks of courts.

Resolves
passed.

The following engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed, to wit:—

In favor of the city of Lawrence.

In favor of Murdock Matheson.

To aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle.

Authorizing the attorney-general to discontinue certain legal proceedings against the Eastern and the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Berkshire
County.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill authorizing the clerk of the courts in Berkshire County to draw clerk hire from the county treasury, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

In addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads (on an order in relation to the subject);

Concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill Bridge (in a new draft) were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes; and

Russell
Gray.

A resolve in favor of Russell Gray, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Reports.

Reports, granting leave to withdraw, of the committee on Military Affairs, on the petition of B. H. Mann;

Of the committee on Claims, on the petition of Pond and Dunclee;

Of the committee on Towns, on the petition of E. W. Upton and others; and

Reports, reference to the next general court,

Of the committee on Prisons, on so much of the Governor's address as relates to classifying the jails and work-houses in the state, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on Bureau of Statistics of Labor. Printing consider the expediency of binding the report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor in the usual manner.

A communication was received from the clerk of the Fitchburg. House, announcing that the Senate bill in relation to bet-terments in the city of Fitchburg had been rejected by that branch.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To authorize the Boston Land Company to exclude tide-water from their land ;

To authorize cities and towns to charge interest on cer-tain taxes ;

To confirm the proceedings of the town of Barnstable in abolishing the school-district system, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill concerning the public landing-places in Milton. the town of Milton was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees and the attendance of children in the public schools was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Teachers' institutes, &c.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill in relation to the mill-dams on Mill Mill River in Taunton. River, in the city of Taunton was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Kenoza Street Rail- Kenoza St. Railway Co. way Company of Haverhill was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill to establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots Bills. was passed over.

The House bills,

In addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill ;

Concerning the fees of deputy-sheriffs ; and

The House resolve in aid of discharge female prisoners,

were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Taxes on
bank
shares.

The Senate resolve refunding taxes twice paid on bank shares was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

State Lunatic
Hospital
at Taunton.

The Senate resolve in favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

C. J. Cox.

The Senate resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mystic Riv.
Corporat'n.

The Senate report on the petition of the Mystic River Corporation was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Arlington.

The report on the petition of selectmen and others of the town of Arlington was taken up, and Mr. Whittle proposed as a substitute therefor

Vine Brook.

A bill authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook; whereupon the whole subject was passed over and the substitute ordered to be printed.

Edw. Crane
et als.

The report on the petition of Edward Crane and associates was laid on the table.

The House reports

Board of
Agriculture.

On the communication from the Board of Agriculture concerning tariff for freight on railroads;

Weymouth.

On the resolutions of the town of Weymouth in relation to the purchase by the state of the Boston and Albany Railroad;

Boston and
Albany R.R.

On the order relative to the transportation of lime, hay and coal, over the Boston and Albany Railroad, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Newbury-
port
Bridges.

The bill concerning the Newburyport Bridges was considered, and Mr. Woodwell proposed a substitute, which was adopted and ordered to a second reading.

Houses of
ill-fame.

The bill to punish the keeping of houses of ill-fame and gaming-houses by imprisonment only was further considered, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Coe, Woodwell.—4.	Morse,	Whittle,
NAYS.—Messrs. Banister, Fuller, Jacobs, Nye, Todd, Wright.—16.	Brown, Griffin, Johnson, R., Packard, Torrey,	French, Harmon, Lawrence, Potter, Washburn,

So the substitute proposed was rejected.

The question then recurring on ordering the House bill to a third reading, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Coe, Woodwell.—4.	Morse,	Whittle,
NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft, French, Harmon, Lawrence, Potter, Washburn,	Banister, Fuller, Jacobs, Nye, Todd, Wright.—17.	Brown, Griffin, Johnson, R., Packard, Torrey,

And the bill was refused a third reading.

The report on the petition of R. R. Freeman and others was assigned for consideration on Tuesday next at 3 o'clock, P. M.

R. R. Freeman et als.

The following enacted bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to widen its bridge across Fort Point Channel and extend its wharf on said channel in Boston.

To amend the charter of the city of Worcester relative to the purchase and control of city property.

To authorize the North Parish in Weymouth to sell parsonage lands.

Authorizing the organization of corporations to be common carriers of persons.

Authorizing the Plymouth County Commissioners to lay out a highway over a portion of a burying-ground in North Bridgewater.

In addition to an act to authorize the formation of insurance companies, and for other purposes.

Concerning the purchase of milk and the size of milk-cans.

In addition to an act concerning the Brookline Gas Company.

To supply the town of West Stockbridge with pure water.

Providing for the organization of corporations for musical purposes.

Relating to easements.

Relating to the managements of lock-ups.

Relating to the dividends of certain mutual fire insurance companies.

In relation to assistant clerks of courts.

Resolves.

Also the following resolves :—

In favor of the city of Lawrence.

In favor of Murdock Matheson.

To aid in the suppression of contagious diseases among cattle.

Authorizing the attorney-general to discontinue certain legal proceedings against the Eastern and the Norwich and Worcester Railroad Companies.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

N. England
Female
Medical Col-
lege.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the New England Female Medical College and the trustees of Boston University to unite ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Worcester.

Mr. Thompson, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Militia.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill concerning the militia, reported that the same ought to pass ; and the bill was amended and ordered to a third reading.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association (in a new draft) ;

To authorize the Springfield, Athol and Enfield Railroad Company to extend its road and to mortgage a portion thereof (in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill to establish harbor lines on Mystic River between the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company and the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad; and Mystic River.

A resolve relating to Malden River (severally on the petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad), were severally read and ordered to a second reading. Malden River.

Bills,

Bills.

To extend the time within which fire inquests may be held;

To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen;

To amend an act to authorize cities and towns to purchase water rights;

In addition to an act relating to assessment of taxes omitted in the annual taxation, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A report of the committee on Towns, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of H. H. Stevens and others; and H. H. Stevens et al.

A report of the committee on Military Affairs, that it is inexpedient to legislate on the annual report of the Surgeon-General, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Surgeon-General,

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

Concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill Bridge;

In addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads;

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in the county of Berkshire to draw pay for clerk-hire from the county treasury;

Concerning the Newburyport Bridges, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to authorize the Boston Land Company to exclude tide-water from their land was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bills,

To authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes;

To confirm the proceedings of the town of Barnstable in abolishing the school-district system, were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Arlington.

The report on the petition of the selectmen and others of the town of Arlington ; and

Cape Cod
station for
Boston
pilots.
Reports.

The bill to establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots, were severally passed over.

The House reports on the petitions of

Benjamin H. Mann ;

Pond and Duncklee ;

E. W. Upton and others ;

Robert Hooper and others, and

On so much of the Governor's address as relates to the classification of jails and workhouses, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

To authorize the Fall River, Warren and Providence Railroad Company to mortgage its railroad and for other purposes.

To authorize the city of Worcester to lay out a public park and to establish and maintain a reservoir.

For supplying South Adams with pure water.

To regulate the leasing of Great Ponds for the purpose of cultivating useful fishes.

To prohibit the drawing of any seine or drag-net near the mouth of Gay Head Herring Creek.

To provide uniforms for the officers of the state prison.

To establish a free bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and Agawam.

Authorizing notaries-public to administer oaths.

To authorize cities and towns to establish hospitals.

To authorize the commissioners on the West Boston and Cragie or Canal Bridges to construct and widen Cragie or Canal Bridge.

Giving the consent of the Commonwealth to the United States for the purchase of additional land in the city of Boston for the sub-treasury and post-office site.

Relating to the annual returns of railroad and street railway corporations.

Asahel P.
Squires.

The following engrossed resolve (which originated in the Senate) in favor of Asahel P. Squires, passed and, with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Parishes and Religious Societies, on the petition of the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport, reported

First Baptist Society
of Newburyport.

A bill to authorize the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell real estate; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

A bill to incorporate the Old Colony Wharf Company (on the petition of Laming and Drisko) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Old Colony Wharf Co.

A report of the committee on Towns, referring the petition of W. W. Merrick and others to the next General Court was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

W. W. Merrick et al.

A petition of Sarah J. Pierce for the payment of state aid was referred to the committee on Claims in concurrence.

Sarah J. Pierce.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

Bills.

To authorize the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road and to mortgage a portion thereof;

To incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association;

To establish harbor lines on Mystic River, between the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company and the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company; and

The resolve relating to Malden River, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill concerning the militia was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill in addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

Concerning the rebuilding of Haverhill Bridge;

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in the county of

Berkshire to draw pay for clerk-hire from the county treasury, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Newbury-
port
bridges.

The Senate bill concerning the Newburyport Bridges was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House reports

Surgeon-
General.
H. H. Ste-
vens.

On the annual report of the Surgeon-General; and

On the petition of H. H. Stevens and others, were severally accepted in concurrence.

Arlington.

The report on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Arlington was next considered, and the substitute proposed therefor by Mr. Whittle was amended, and further amendments being proposed thereto, the whole subject was passed over, and the bill as amended, and the proposed amendments ordered to be printed.

The orders of the day were laid on the table.

Boston and
Brookline.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline, and the same was read a second time and amended, and the question on ordering said bill to a third reading was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Banister,
Carpenter,	Dwellely,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griffin,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Larnard,
Lobdell,	Merrill,	Morse,
Nye,	Packard,	Parsons,
Potter,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Todd,	Torrey,	Wallace,
Washburn,	Wright.—26.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Clark,	Coe,	French,
Griggs,	Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,
Whittle,	Woodwell.—8.	

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Boston and
Charlestown.

Pursuant to assignment, the bill to unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston was read a second time, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Banister,	Brown,
Carpenter,	Dwellely,	Giles,
Griffin,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,

YEAS. —Messrs. Lawrence, Nye, Stickney, Washburn,	Lobdell, Packard, Thompson, Wright.—20.	Merrill, Potter, Torrey,
NAYS. —Messrs. Clark, Griggs, Learnard, Whittle,	French, Harmon, Todd, Woodwell.—11.	Fuller, Johnson, N. L., Wallace,

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The hour having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report on the petition of R. R. Freeman and others, whereupon Mr. Fuller moved that the same be passed over; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Banister, Giles, Jacobs, Merrill, Thompson, Washburn,	Clark, Griffin, Johnson, N. L., Morse, Todd, Woodwell.—17.	Fuller, Harmon, Lawrence, Potter, Wallace,
NAYS. —Messrs. Baker, Carpenter, Griggs, Lobdell, Stickney, Wright.—16.	Bancroft, Dwellely, Johnson, R., Nye, Torrey,	Brown, French, Learnard, Packard, Whittle,

So the report was passed over.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots was further considered, and Mr. Woodwell proposed an amendment to the bill, pending the consideration of which, the subject was passed over and the amendment ordered to be printed.

The bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company was taken from the table.

Mr. Banister proposed an amendment thereto, but before any action was had thereon, the bill was passed over and the amendment ordered to be printed.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a bill to change the name of the Workingmen's Savings Bank; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Game up concurred.

Bills enacted.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

Authorizing the commissioners on Public Lands to sell a lot of land to the city of Boston for school purposes.

To authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek.

To amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston.

To regulate the fees of sheriffs for presiding over sheriffs' juries.

To protect the shores and beaches in Scituate.

Relating to the fees of sextons and others.

Relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency.

Relating to the demolition of buildings during fire.

Concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston.

State Library.

An engrossed resolve in aid of the State Library (which originated in the House) passed.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 16, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Boston.

Mr. Morse, from the committee on Towns, on the bill to enlarge the territory of, and unite certain towns and cities with the city of Boston, reported

A resolve in relation to uniting certain towns and cities with the city of Boston.

Boston and Brighton.

Mr. Griffin, from the same committee, on the petition of George A. Wilson and others, reported

A bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton; and the bill and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Essex Co. Commissioners.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on Prisons, on the resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to borrow money, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Bills.

Bills,

Relating to the channel of Muddy River (on the petition of the town of Brookline);

To incorporate the New England Lodge Associates in the city of Cambridge (on the petition of the same), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A report, reference to the next General Court, on the petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad for authority to construct wharves on Mystic River, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston and
Maine R.R.

A petition of Mrs. M. H. Severance for the refunding of a bank tax was referred to the committee on Claims, in concurrence. Mrs. M. H.
Severance.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To authorize the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell their real estate ;

To incorporate the Old Colony Wharf Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House bills,

To authorize the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road and to mortgage a portion thereof ;

To incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association ;

To establish harbor lines on Mystic River, between the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company and the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad Company ; and

The House resolve relating to Malden River, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

The report on the petition of the selectmen and others of the town of Arlington was next considered, the question being on the adoption of the amendment proposed by Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, to the substitute proposed by Mr. Whittle ; and the vote being taken thereon, it was rejected ; certain amendments proposed thereto by Messrs. Jacobs and Washburn were adopted, and the question then recurring on adopting the substitute proposed thereto by Mr. Whittle, it was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit :— Arlington.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,
Coe,
Lawrence,
Merrill,
Whiting,

Bancroft,
Dwellej,
Learnard,
Potter,
Whittle.—14.

Carpenter,
Griggs,
Lobdell,
Thompson,

NAYS. —Messrs. Banister, Harmon, Johnson, R., Torrey, Woodwell,	French, Jacobs, Nye, Wallace, Wright.—14.	Fuller, Johnson, N. L., Todd, Washburn,
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So the substitute was rejected and the report was accepted.

R. R. Freeman et als.

The report on the petition of R. R. Freeman and others was next considered, the question being on the adoption of the substitute proposed therefor, viz.: "Bill to exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilotage."

Mr. Harmon proposed an amendment to said bill, pending the consideration of which, the orders of the day were laid on the table.

Police.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police, the question being on an amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Merrill; but before any action was had thereon, the subject was passed over.

Acts laid before the Governor.

The following acts were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Authorizing the commissioners on Public Lands to sell a lot of land to the city of Boston for school purposes.

To authorize the Cary Improvement Company to construct a bridge across Chelsea Creek.

To amend the charter of the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Boston.

To regulate the fees of sheriffs for presiding over sheriffs' juries.

To protect the shores and beaches in Scituate.

Relating to the fees of sextons and others.

Relating to fees and deposits in the courts of insolvency.

Relating to the demolition of buildings during fire.

Concerning sewers and drains in the city of Boston.

Also the resolve in aid of the State Library.

Westfield.

Mr. Whiting, on leave, introduced a bill to supply the town of Westfield with pure water; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The orders of the day were taken up, whereupon Mr. Harmon moved that the Senate adjourn; and on motion of

Mr. Torrey, the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Fuller,	Griffin,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Lawrence,	Merrill,	Nye,
Washburn,	Woods,	Woodwell.—12.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird,	Banister,	Carpenter,
Larnard,	Lobdell,	Todd,
Torrey,	Whittle.—8.	

And the Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Woods, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act concerning the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad Corporation; and the same was read and laid on the table. Springfield and Longmeadow R. R. Corp'n.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act in relation to witnesses; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Witnesses.

Papers from the House.

A report of the committee on Harbors, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of the city of Cambridge in relation to the area of Charles River basin was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Charles River.

Petitions of

George G. Tarbell, and

Jubal Howe, severally for the refunding of a bank tax, were referred to the committee on Claims. George G. Tarbell.
Jubal Howe.

Severally in concurrence.

Mr. Potter moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook, proposed as a substitute for the report of the committee on that subject, was rejected; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit :— Vine Brook.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Clark,	Coe,	Dwellely,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Lawrence,

YEAS.—Messrs.	Lobdell, Packard, Stickney, Whiting,	Merrill, Parsons, Thompson, Whittle.—20.	Morse, Potter, Wallace,
NAYS.—Messrs.	Banister, Giles, Johnson, R., Todd, Woodwell.—18.	French, Harmon, Johnson, N. L., Torrey,	Fuller, Jacobs, Nye, Washburn,

So the vote was reconsidered.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the substitute, it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs.	Baird, Clark, Griffin, Lobdell, Parsons, Thompson, Whittle.—19.	Baker, Coe, Griggs, Merrill, Potter, Wallace,	Bancroft, Dwelle, Lawrence, Packard, Stickney, Whiting,
NAYS.—Messrs.	Banister, Giles, Johnson, N. L., Todd, Woodwell.—18.	French, Harmon, Johnson, R., Torrey,	Fuller, Jacobs, Nye, Washburn,

So the substitute was adopted and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To unite the city of Boston with the town of Brighton ;
To incorporate the New England Lodge Associates in
the city of Cambridge ;
Relating to the channel of Muddy River in Brookline ;
Resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the
county of Essex to borrow money, were severally read a
second time and ordered to a third reading.

**Compulsory
pilotage.**

The unfinished business was further considered, the question on the adoption of an amendment proposed to the bill to exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilotage, proposed by Mr. Baker as a substitute for the report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, on the petition of R. R. Freeman and others ; and the vote being taken, it was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Baker proposed an amendment, which, after debate, was withdrawn.

Mr. Merrill proposed an amendment to said bill, as follows :—

“ Hereafter there shall be but one yearly rate of pilotage

for outward bound vessels, and one yearly rate for inward bound vessels, and those rates shall be the rates now established by law for outward and inward bound vessels respectively, for the six months commencing November first and ending April thirtieth."

And the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Carpenter, French, Lawrence, Potter, Whiting,	Baker, Coe, Giles, Merrill, Stickney, Woodwell.—17.	Bancroft, Dwellely, Johnson, N. L., Packard, Wallace,
NAYS.—Messrs. Banister, Griggs, Learnard, Washburn,	Fuller, Harmon, Thompson, Whittle.—11.	Griffin, Jacobs, Todd,

So the amendment was adopted.

The question then recurring on the adoption of the substitute proposed by Mr. Baker, as amended, it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Coe, Giles, Merrill, Wallace, Woodwell.—16.	Baker, Dwellely, Johnson, N. L., Potter, Whiting,	Carpenter, French, Lawrence, Stickney, Packard,
NAYS.—Messrs. Banister, Griffin, Jacobs, Todd,	Clark, Griggs, Learnard, Washburn,	Fuller, Harmon, Thompson, Whittle.—12.

So the substitute was adopted and ordered to a second reading.

The bill in addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company was further considered, and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Banister was rejected, and the bill was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill to establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots was passed over.

The resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston was laid on the table.

The report on the petition of the Boston and Maine Railroad was accepted in concurrence.

Union
Freight
R.R. Co.

Cape Cod
station for
Boston
pilots

Boston and
Maine R.R.

First Baptist Society of Newburyport.

The Senate bill to authorize the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell their real estate was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Old Colony Wharf Co.

The House bill to incorporate the Old Colony Wharf Company was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Boston and Charlestown.

The Senate bill to unite the city of Charlestown with the city of Boston was amended and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Carpenter,	Griffin,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,
Merrill,	Potter,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Torrey,	Washburn,
Whiting,	Woods.—14.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Clark,	Coe,	Fuller,
Todd,	Wallace.—5.	

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

State police.

The bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police was taken up, the question being on an amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Merrill; but without action thereon, on motion of Mr. Potter, the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 18, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Executors, administrators, guardians and trustees.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, reported the bill to relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, irregularly appointed or licensed, and for other purposes, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

No. Bennet St. Free Will Baptist Society.

Mr. Griffin presented a petition of the North Bennet Street Free Will Baptist Society for leave to file proceedings of organization.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

The Senate bill in addition to acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company came up concurred, with amendments in the first, second, eighth and ninth sections; and the amendments were adopted in concurrence. Arlington
Lake Water
Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz.,—Consideration of the bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police, the question being on the amendment proposed therein by Mr. Merrill, the same was postponed to, and specially assigned for Tuesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M. State police.

The bill to exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilotage was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Compulsory
pilotage.

The bill authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook was read a second time, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading being stated, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:— Vine Brook.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Clark,	Coe,	Dwellely,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Lawrence,
Merrill,	Packard,	Parsons,
Potter,	Thompson,	Wallace,
Whittle.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	French,	Fuller,
Giles,	Harmon,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Morse,	Nye,
Todd,	Washburn,	Woods,
Woodwell.—13.		

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The House report on the petition of the city of Cambridge bridge was accepted in concurrence. Cambridge.

The Senate bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Boston and
Brighton.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to incorporate the New England Lodge Associates in the city of Cambridge was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Bills.

The House bill relating to the channel of Muddy River in Brookline was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Cape Cod
station for
Boston
pilots.

The bill to establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots was further considered, and the question being on the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Woodwell, the vote was taken, and it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker, Packard,	Giles, Stickney.—5.	Nye,
NAYS.—Messrs. Banister, Fuller, Harmon, Lawrence, Morse, Washburn,	Dwelle, Griffin, Jacobs, Learnard, Thompson, Whittle,	French, Griggs, Johnson, R., Merrill, Todd, Woods.—18.

So the amendment was rejected, and the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

County of
Essex.

The Senate resolve to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to borrow money was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills enact-
ed and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To authorize the town of Lexington to drain the meadows near the Centre Village.

To amend an act in relation to the Holyoke and Northampton Boom and Lumber Company.

In relation to the smelt fishery.

To increase the compensation for support of paupers before removal.

To incorporate the Lynn City Street Railway Company.

Concerning the mode of administering oaths.

Relating to public warehouses.

Resolves
passed and
laid before
the Gov-
ernor.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Instructing the Board of Railroad Commissioners to examine the crossing of Broadway in Lawrence by the Boston and Maine Railroad, and to report thereon to the next Legislature.

In favor of the town of Halifax.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 19, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Wright, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to ^{Militia} an act to authorize the purchase of land for a camp-ground for the militia; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

A bill to supply the village of Attleborough with water ^{Attleboro'.} for the extinguishment of fires and for other purposes, (on the petition of D. H. Smith and others) was read and ordered to a second reading.

A resolve in favor of Amos Cummings (on the petition ^{Amos Cummings.} of the same) was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the joint committee on ^{Hoosac Tunnel.} Printing consider the expediency of binding, for the use of the members of the Legislature, one thousand copies of the report of hearings on the Hoosac Tunnel consolidation before the committee on Railways.

A petition of D. W. Salisbury for the refunding of a ^{D. W. Salisbury.} bank tax was referred to the committee on Claims, in concurrence.

A bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad, under the name of the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company (from the files of last year) came up referred to the committee on Railways. ^{Boston and Portland Railway Trust Co.}

Mr. Torrey moved that the same be referred to the next General Court; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,
Griggs,
Thompson,
Wright.—10.

Dwellely,
Harmon,
Torrey,

Fuller,
Learnard,
Washburn,

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,
Coe,
Jacobs,

Brown,
Giles,
Johnson, R.,

Clark,
Griffin,
Lawrence,

NAYS.—Messrs. Nye, Morse, Potter,
 Todd, Wallace, Whittle,
 Woods, Woodwell.—17.

So the bill was not referred to the next General Court.

The question then recurring on concurring in the reference of the same to the committee on Railways, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister, Brown, Clark,
 Coe, Griffin, Jacobs,
 Giles, Lawrence, Merrill,
 Johnson, R., Nye, Todd,
 Morse, Whittle, Woods,
 Wallace, Woodwell.—17.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft, Carpenter, Dwelley,
 Fuller, Griggs, Harmon,
 Learnard, Potter, Thompson,
 Torrey, Washburn, Wright.—12.

So the Senate concurred in the reference of said bill.

Appropriations.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the House bill making appropriations for certain educational purposes without amendment; and the same was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To facilitate the settlement of estates of deceased persons;

To relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees, and for other purposes, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill to exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilotage was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook was read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Bancroft, Brown,
 Carpenter, Coe, Dwelley,
 Griffin, Griggs, Lawrence,
 Learnard, Merrill, Potter,
 Wallace, Whittle.—14.

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Fuller,	Giles,
Harmon,	Johnson, R.,	Morse,
Nye,	Todd,	Torrey,
Washburn,	Woods,	Wright.—12.

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 21, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to railroad corporations transporting merchandise for hire, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the committee on Railways; and the report was accepted and the bill was sent down for concurrence in the reference.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to establish a reformatory prison for women, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the report was accepted, and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for a second reading.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to establish the salary of the attorney-general; and

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen, severally reported that said bills ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

*Papers from the House.***Bills.****Bills,**

To authorize the city of Haverhill to construct a wharf and a bridge over Little River (on the petition of the city government of said city) ;

In relation to the improvements of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor (on the report of the Harbor Commissioners) were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Resolves.**Resolves,**

In favor of the town of Belchertown ;

In favor of the Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

**Freight
charges on
railroads.**

The House bill in addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads came up, and the House concurs in the amendment proposed thereto by the Senate, with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

Attleboro'.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Bills.**The House bills**

To facilitate the settlement of estates of deceased persons ;

To relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees irregularly appointed or licensed, and for other purposes, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

**Ware River
R.R. Co.**

An engrossed bill to authorize the purchasers of the franchise of the Ware River Railroad Company to organize a corporation and complete its road (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

**Boston and
Portland
Railway
Trust Co.**

Mr. Harmon moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad under the name of the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company was referred to the committee on Railways.

The President ruled that the motion was not in order, as follows :—

Recognizing the full force of the 17th rule providing for reconsideration, the Chair also recognizes the importance of the 26th rule of the House, exempting petitions and like papers from the rule requiring the Clerk to retain all bills and papers, subject to reconsideration, in his hands until the time for reconsideration shall have expired ; and the Chair considered that the right to reconsider was made effectual by the retention of the papers in the hands of the Clerk, and that by the delivery of said papers to committees, such right was constantly liable to be destroyed.

Considering, moreover, that all papers referred to committees partake of the nature of petitions, and that when referred, they become at once the property of the committee, liable to be reported at any moment, and remaining only accidentally in the hands of the Clerk, the Chair rules that they could not come under the motion to reconsider ; that the right no longer remained in that legislative body out of whose hands they had passed.

Thereupon, Mr. Harmon appealed from the decision of the Chair.

And the question being stated : " Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate " ? it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Banister,	Clark,
Coe,	French,	Giles,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Merrill,
Morse,	Stickney,	Todd,
Wallace,	Whittle,	Woodwell.—15.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Brown,	Dwellely,
Fuller,	Griffin,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Learnard,	Parsons,
Thompson,	Wright.—11.	

So the decision of the Chair was sustained. Thereupon, Mr. Brown moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby said decision was sustained ; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 22, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Offices and
towns, wa-
ter for.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize cities and towns to contract for a supply of water ; and

Hampden
Co., Com-
missioners
of.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the county commissioners for the county of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes, severally reported that said bills ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

William
Parker.

Mr. Jacobs presented a petition of William Parker for the refunding of a bank tax alleged to have been twice paid.

Referred to the committee on Claims.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

*Papers from the House.*Superior
court, trials
in.

A bill to authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Service of
warrants.

Also a bill in relation to the service of warrants in criminal cases.

A bill to establish the Lexington Water Company (on the petition of said town) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills enact-
ed and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

To expedite the settlement of estates of deceased persons.

To change certain harbor lines in Fort Point Channel.

Concerning pilotage in the harbor of Gloucester.

Concerning the rebuilding of the Haverhill Bridge.

To incorporate the Essex Mechanics' Association.

To establish harbor lines on Mystic River between the bridge of the Eastern Railroad Company and the bridge of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

To provide for the confinement of persons acquitted of the charge of murder or manslaughter by reason of insanity.

To confirm the proceedings of the town of Barnstable in abolishing the school-district system.

To extend the charter of the Lynn Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

To authorize the Milford and Woonsocket Railroad Company to extend its road and unite with the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad Company.

To authorize cities and towns to charge interest on certain taxes.

Authorizing the clerk of the courts in the county of Berkshire to draw pay for clerk hire from the county treasury.

Concerning state directors of railroad corporations.

Concerning the fees of deputy sheriffs.

An engrossed resolve in aid of discharged female prisoners (which originated in the House) passed and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Discharged female prisoners.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police, the question being on an amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Merrill, viz.: "To strike out the first three sections of the bill and insert instead thereof the following:

State police.

"SECTION 1. The board of police commissioners is hereby abolished and all the powers and duties of the same shall be exercised directly by the governor and council."

And the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays as follows:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker, Carpenter, Johnson, N. L., Merrill, Thompson, Wright.—16.	Banister, Jacobs, Lawrence, Nye, Todd,	Brown, Johnson, R., Lobdell, Packard, Torrey,
NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft, French, Harmon, Stickney, Whittle,	Coe, Fuller, Morse, Wallace, Woods,	Dwellely, Griggs, Parsons, Whiting, Woodwell.—15.

So the amendment was adopted.

The same senator then moved that the fifth section be stricken out; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird, Clark, Jacobs,	Baker, Dwellely, Johnson, R.,	Banister, French, Lawrence,
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YEAS. —Messrs. Larnard, Nye, Woods.—16.	Lobdell, Packard,	Merrill, Todd,
NAYS. —Messrs. Bancroft, Coe, Harmon, Parsons, Wallace, Whittle,	Brown, Fuller, Johnson, N. L., Thompson, Washburn, Wright.—17.	Carpenter, Griggs, Merrill, Torrey, Whiting,

So the amendment was rejected.

Subsequently a motion was made to reconsider the vote whereby the amendment was rejected, and the question thereon was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker, French, Lawrence, Merrill, Todd.—13.	Banister, Jacobs, Larnard, Nye,	Clark, Johnson, R., Lobdell, Packard,
NAYS. —Messrs. Baird, Coe, Harmon, Parsons, Washburn, Woods,	Brown, Dwellely, Johnson, N. L., Torrey, Whiting, Wright.—17.	Carpenter, Fuller, Morse, Wallace, Whittle,

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

The question then recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Brown, Coe, Johnson, N. L., Morse, Wallace,	Carpenter, Fuller, Lawrence, Nye, Washburn,	Clark, Harmon, Lobdell, Torrey, Wright.—15.
NAYS. —Messrs. Baird, Dwellely, Johnson, R., Packard, Whiting,	Baker, French, Larnard, Parsons, Whittle,	Banister, Jacobs, Merrill, Todd, Woods.—16.

So the bill was refused a third reading.

Boston and
Portland
Railway
Trust Co.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the decision of the Chair was sustained, in relation to the motion of Mr. Harmon to reconsider the vote by which the bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company, and the Boston and Maine Railroad, under the name of the Boston and Portland Railroad Trust Company, was referred to the committee on Railways,

The President addressed the Senate as follows :—

On the question of reconsideration of the vote of the Senate, sustaining the ruling of the Chair upon the motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred with the House, in the reference of the "Bill to consolidate the Boston and Maine and the Eastern Railroads," to the committee on Railways, the Chair desires to state :—

The Chair recognizes the importance of the 17th rule of the Senate, which provides that "when a vote has passed, except on motions specified in rule seven, it shall be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day, as the foundation of free, fair and untrammelled discussion of all bills upon which the Senate is to pass." The Chair also finds that in order to secure this opportunity and privilege, the 18th rule of the Senate provides that "bills, resolves and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration, shall remain in the possession of the Clerk, until the right of reconsideration has expired." Upon the operation of this latter rule alone can the provisions of the former be carried out; and hence to all bills and resolves passing through their various stages, the 18th rule is rigidly applied, unless suspended by formal vote.

It seems, however, to the Chair, that papers referred to the various committees of the Legislature do not come under the provisions applied to bills, either by law or custom. All papers thus referred are manifestly in the nature of petitions, whether formally drawn as petitions, or bills introduced on leave, or orders of inquiry, or of notice. The principle of the petition underlies them all; and they are all entitled to the same treatment, all demand the consideration of the committees, and all may alike become the subject of argument and investigation before the committee. Practically this view has maintained at all times; and the course pursued by the Clerks of both branches, as the Chair understands, has been to pass such papers over into the hands of the committees, whenever called for, often without any delay whatever, and regardless of the 18th rule, which is so strictly applied to bills passing through their various stages.

The Chair is of opinion that not only custom but parliamentary law is strongly on his side. Cushing says, in section 1388 of his *Parliamentary Law*, "Whatever may be the form of the proceedings (*i.e.*, to select committee, &c.) the subject so committed is *disposed* of until the report of

the committee." Cushing also says in Parliamentary Law, section 1446, "The motion to commit, if decided in the negative, cannot be renewed." The rule of the House of Representatives, United States, No. 42, provides that "no motion to postpone to a day certain, to *commit*, or to postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall be *again allowed on the same day*, and at the *same stage of the bill or proposition*."

It seems to the Chair that this all points to the opinion that matters once referred to a committee have passed beyond the reach of the body of the Legislature, and are subject to the action of the committee to whom they are referred. That this is not only good law but good sense, the fact that in one hour from the time of reference a committee may be considering the matter referred, may have given the parties in interest a hearing, and may have reported a bill, is convincing to the mind of the Chair.

But not only do parliamentary law and sound judgment seem to sustain the Chair, but the 26th rule of the House, to which the Chair referred in giving his opinion, also points in the same direction. This rule, which was formerly analogous to the 18th rule of the Senate, was amended about twelve years since by inserting the words, "except petitions, enacted bills, orders of inquiry and orders of notice," for the express purpose of sending such papers immediately to the committees to whom they were referred, to prevent delay and to relieve the Clerk from any responsibility in regard to the matter, where petitions and other papers referred were passed forward according to convenience or accident.

In declaring his opinion upon this question, the Chair has endeavored to realize the importance of keeping in mind the general principles upon which a law should rest, and the concurrent circumstances which should throw light upon its interpretation. He is of opinion that in this way alone can law keep pace with human progress. But, in order to avoid all controversy over the standing text of the rules of the Senate, and to give the advantage of the doubt to those who may feel that they are entitled to it, the Chair accepts the 18th rule of the Senate, as it stands, free from all modifying parliamentary law, free from all the effects of custom, and is ready to consider that petitions and papers referred stand in the category with bills and resolves, so far as the duty of the Clerk and the question of reconsideration are concerned. He would recom-

mend, however, that this 18th rule of the Senate be so amended as to conform to the 26th rule of the House, and to the best principles of parliamentary law.

The opinion of the Chair is, for these reasons, reversed, and the question is upon reconsidering the vote by which the Senate sustained the Chair in his opinion against reconsideration.

Thereupon, the roll was called, and the question was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Banister,
Brown,	Carpenter,	Clark,
Coe,	Dwellely,	French,
Fuller,	Giles,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, N. L.,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Merrill,	Morse,
Nye,	Packard,	Parsons,
Potter,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Todd,	Torrey,	Wallace,
Washburn,	Whittle,	Woods,
Woodwell,	Wright.—35.	

NAY.—Mr. Baird.—1.

So the vote was reconsidered ; and the question then recurring on the reconsideration of the vote by which said bill was referred to the committee on Railways, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Carpenter,
Dwellely,	Fuller,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, N. L.,
Learnard,	Parsons,	Thompson,
Torrey,	Wright.—14.	

NAYS. —Messrs. Baird,	Banister,	Brown,
Clark,	Coe,	Giles,
Griffin,	Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,
Lobdell,	Merrill,	Morse,
Nye,	Packard,	Todd,
Wallace,	Washburn,	Whiting,
Whittle,	Woods,	Woodwell.—21.

So the Senate refused to reconsider, and the bill was referred in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills Bills.

To authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses ;

To establish the salary of the Attorney-General ;

To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen ;

Bills.

To authorize the city of Haverhill to construct a wharf and bridge over Little River;

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The House bill to supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires and for other purposes was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Annexation of certain territory to the city of Boston.

The resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston was taken from the table and specially assigned for consideration on Thursday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 23, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Joseph B. Bowker.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Claims, on the resolve in favor of Joseph B. Bowker, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the resolve was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

R. Gray.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve in favor of Russell Gray, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company (on the petition of H. N. Holbrook and others);

Concerning truant children and absentees from school (on the report of the secretary of the board of education);

To establish harbor lines on Charles River (on the report of the harbor commissioners), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Resolves.

Resolves,

In favor of the state normal school at Bridgewater (on the report of the secretary of the board of education);

In favor of Abner J. Pierce (on the petition of Sarah J. Pierce), were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

A bill concerning the election of school committee in Chelsea. the city of Chelsea was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate bill to authorize clerks of courts to issue Clerks of courts. notice in certain cases came up concurred with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

The House bill relating to the channel of Muddy River Muddy River in Brookline. in Brookline came up non-concurred in the Senate amendment therein, and Messrs. Crocker of Boston, Hayes of Medford and Seaver of West Roxbury are appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses.

And thereupon, Messrs. Harmon, Johnson of Suffolk and Nye, were appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

A petition of the county commissioners of Dukes Dukes Co., Commissioners of. County for leave to borrow money was referred in concurrence to the committee on Prisons.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester moved a reconsideration of State police. the vote whereby the bill in addition to an act to establish a better system of police was refused a third reading; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Clark,	Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,
Lawrence,	Lobdell,	Morse,
Nye,	Packard,	Thompson,
Whittle.—10.		

NAYS. —Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Banister,	French,	Fuller,
Griggs,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Learnard,	Parsons,	Potter,
Stickney,	Todd,	Torrey,
Wallace,	Washburn,	Whiting,
Woods,	Woodwell.—20.	

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills Bills.

To authorize the county commissioners for the county of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes;

To authorize cities and towns to contract for a supply of water;

To establish the Lexington Water Company, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Guardians. The bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Reformatory prison for women. The bill to establish a reformatory prison for women was passed over.

Worcester. The Senate bill to authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills. The House bills,
 To establish the salary of the Attorney-General;
 To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen;
 To authorize the city of Haverhill to construct a wharf and bridge over Little River;
 In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, April 24, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Chelsea. Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea; and

Superior court, trials in. Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the bill to authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Service of warrant in criminal cases. Mr. Harmon, from same committee, on the bill in relation to the service of warrants in criminal cases by constables and police officers, reported that said bill ought not to pass; and the same was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Papers from the House.

Boston. A bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir was read and ordered to a second reading.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital. A resolve in regard to the Worcester Lunatic Hospital was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

A bill to confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., R. Vose, Jr. as coroner, was admitted under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, in concurrence.

A communication was received from the House, announcing that the Senate bill to establish a registry of deeds in the northern district of Worcester had been rejected by that branch. Worcester Co., registry of deeds in.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.
To establish harbor lines on Charles River;

Concerning truant children and absentees from school (after being amended); and

The resolve in favor of Russell Gray, were severally R. Gray. read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The resolve in favor of Joseph B. Bowker was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected. Joseph B. Bowker.

The bill to incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company was passed over. Squantum Free Bridge Co.

The House bills, Bills.

To authorize the county commissioners for the county of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes;

To authorize cities and towns to contract for a supply of water, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill to establish the Lexington Water Company was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

The bill to establish a reformatory prison for women was further considered, whereupon Mr. Coe proposed as a substitute for the same, a bill to authorize the construction of a reformatory prison for women; and the subject was passed, and the substitute ordered to be printed.

The following engrossed bills (the first six of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:— Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To change the name of the Workingmen's Savings Bank.

In addition to the acts relating to the Arlington Lake Water Company.

In relation to the mill-dams on Mill River in the city of Taunton.

Authorizing an increase of the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Gas Company of Fall River.

To incorporate the Kenoza Street Railway Company.

To establish a hospital for the insane in the north-eastern part of the Commonwealth.

In addition to an act to incorporate the Union Freight Railroad Company.

In addition to an act to regulate freight charges on railroads.

In addition to an act to establish the city of Haverhill.

To authorize the town of Manchester to construct a causeway or bridge in said town.

To incorporate the Old Colony Wharf Company.

To incorporate the New England Lodge Associates in the city of Cambridge.

Making appropriations for certain educational purposes.

Resolves
passed and
laid before
the Gov-
ernor.

The following engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed and, with the above-named bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Granting aid to the town of Gay Head for the support of its public schools.

Relating to Malden River.

Mr. Dwelley moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale was rejected; and the motion was laid on the table.

Boston, an-
nexation of
territory to.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston, but without action thereon, the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, April 25, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Chelsea.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill concerning the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea; and

Amos Cum-
mings.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of Amos Cummings, severally reported that said bill and resolve ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Muddy
River in
Brookline.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses in re-

lation to an amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill relating to the channel of Muddy River in Brookline, reported recommending that the Senate recede from its proposed amendment, and also that the first section be amended by striking out the words, "through the lands of such persons and corporations as the selectmen of said town may determine," and inserting the following:—

"And for this purpose the real estate of any person may be taken. The proceedings shall be the same in all respects as in laying out of town ways; and all persons suffering damages in their property by reason thereof, shall have the same rights and remedies for the ascertainment and recovery of such damages as in the case of the laying out of town ways."

And the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the House.

A bill to insure greater safety in the use of steam-boilers, being a substitute for the Senate bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers, was read and ordered to a second reading. Steam-boilers.

A report of the joint committee on the Labor Question, asking to be discharged from the further consideration of the order relative to further legislation concerning the hours of labor of children in manufacturing establishments was read and accepted in concurrence. Hours of labor of children in manufacturing establishments.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing the rejection by that branch of the Senate bill to amend chapter 277 of the acts of 1868 relating to the public health in the city of Boston. Public health in Boston.

The orders of the day were taken up, the first matter therein being the unfinished business of yesterday, viz. :— Boston, annexation of certain territory to.

Resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston, the same was laid on the table.

The bills,

Bills.

Amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea;

To authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries;

To authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Squantum
Free Bridge
Co.
Warrants in
criminal
cases.

The bill to incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company was ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to the service of warrants in criminal cases by constables and police officers, was in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Charles
River.

The House bill to establish harbor lines on Charles River ; and

Russell
Gray.

The House resolve in favor of Russell Gray, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Truant
children.

The bill concerning truant children and absentees from school was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Reforma-
tory prison
for women.

The bill to establish a reformatory prison for women was considered, the question being on the adoption of the substitute proposed therefor ; and the vote was taken, and it was carried in the affirmative, and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Guardians.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to authorize guardians to sell the real estate of their wards at private sale was rejected, was taken from the table and, by leave of the Senate, withdrawn.

Militia,
camp-
ground for.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on Military Affairs, on the bill in addition to an act to provide a camp-ground for the militia, reported that the same ought to pass ; and it was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, April 26, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

North Ben-
net St. Free-
Will Baptist
Society.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society, reported

A bill to confirm certain proceedings of said society ; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Taxes.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, reported the bill in addition to an act relating to the assessment of

taxes upon estates omitted in the annual taxation, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Bills.

Concerning commercial fertilizers (on the communication from the secretary of the Board of Agriculture);

In addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with water (in a new draft of Senate bill);

To incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company (on the petition of William Endicott, Jr., and others), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill relating to the taxation of bank shares (being a substitute for Senate resolve refunding certain taxes) was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

A bill in relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations was read and referred in concurrence, to the committee on Horse Railways.

A report of the committee on the Labor Question, granting leave to withdraw on the several petitions for the enactment of an eight hour law; and

Eight hour law.

A report of the joint committee on Printing, that the order in relation to binding certain copies of the reports of the hearings had by the committee on Railways, on the matter of consolidation of certain railroads ought not to pass, were severally read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Hooaac Tunnel.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill concerning the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea; and

Chelsea.

The resolve in favor of Amos Cummings, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Amos Cummings.

The bills,

Bills.

To insure greater safety in the use of steam-boilers;

To authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir, were severally laid on the table.

The bill authorizing the construction of a reformatory prison for women was read a second time and refused a third reading.

The House bills

Amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea;

To authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries;

To incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Muddy
River in
Brookline.

The report of the committee of conference, on the bill relating to the channel of Muddy River in Brookline was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Wakefield.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war was ordered to a third reading, was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, April 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Papers from the House.

Mortgages
by guar-
dians.

A bill in relation to mortgages by guardians was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Methodist
Episcopal
Church in
Winchen-
don.
Groton.

A bill to incorporate the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon, and for other purposes; and

A resolve in favor of the town of Groton, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

A report of the joint committee on Printing, on the order relative to binding certain copies of the annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor, the same recommending that 2,000 copies thereof be bound in cloth, one-half for the use of the Bureau and the remainder for the use of the Legislature, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To confirm the proceedings of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society;

In addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water;

To incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company;

Amending an act relating to the assessment of taxes upon estates omitted in the annual taxation, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers was read a second time and refused a third reading. Commercial fertilizers.

The House reports on the order relative to binding the report of the hearings on the consolidation of the Hoosac Tunnel with certain railroads; and Reports.

On the several petitions for the passage of an eight hour law, were severally accepted in concurrence.

The House bill concerning the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea; and School committee in Chelsea.

The House resolve in favor of Amos Cummings, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Amos Cummings.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as part of the quota of said town in the recent war was ordered to a third reading, was carried in the negative, and the bill was thereupon read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence. Wakefield.

Came up concurred.

The bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston.

Mr. Potter moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill authorizing the construction of a reformatory prison for women was refused a third reading; and the motion was laid on the table. Reformatory prison for women.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To amend the charter of the city of Fall River.

To establish the city of Gloucester.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, April 29, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to attachments and other liens upon real estate, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading. Attachments upon estate.

State Normal School at Bridgewater.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of the state normal school at Bridgewater; and

Resolves.

Mr. Whittle, from the same committee, on the resolves, In favor of the town of Belchertown;

In favor of Abner J. Pierce, severally reported that said resolves ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

General laws relating to insurance.

A resolve providing for the codification of the general laws relating to insurance, and for other purposes (in a new draft of Senate bill relative to the subject) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Resolves.

Resolves

Establishing a state normal art school (on the report of the secretary of the Board of Education);

In favor of Walter and Francis Shanly (on the petition of the same), were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Close of the session.

The following order was read and laid on the table:—

Ordered, That Messrs. Phillips of Salem, Cogswell of Yarmouth, Codman of Boston, Hoyt of Athol, Dudley of Northampton, Bailey of Charlestown and Winslow of Newton, with such as the Senate may join, be a committee to consider and report at what time the Legislature may close its present session.

William H. Munroe et als.

A petition of William H. Munroe and others, for the protection of sea-fowl within certain limits in the town of Edgartown was referred to the committee on Agriculture.

J. Worster.

A petition of John Worster for the refunding of a bank tax alleged to have been twice paid was referred to the committee on Claims.

Severally in concurrence.

Police commissioners.

Mr. Merrill, on leave, introduced a bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

On motion of Mr. Harmon,—

Prison commissioners.

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider whether the best interests of the Commonwealth require the continuance of the service of the commissioners of prisons.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Wright offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the speech delivered in the Senate, by Hon. Mr. Potter, on the subject of the annexation of certain towns to the city of Boston, be printed for the use of the Legislature. Boston, annexation of certain territory to.

Mr. Woods moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill concerning commercial fertilizers was refused a third reading; and the motion being considered, was carried in the affirmative, and the bill was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Commercial fertilizers.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill authorizing the construction of a reformatory prison for women was refused a third reading was taken from the table, and the question thereon was determined as follows, to wit:— Reformatory prison for women.

YEAS.—Messrs. Coe, Parsons, Wallace, Woods.—10.	Giles, Potter, Washburn,	Harmon, Thompson, Whittle,
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NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Brown, Fuller, Johnson, N. L., Learnard, Todd, Wright.—19.	Bancroft Clark, Griggs, Johnson, R., Merrill, Torrey,	Banister, Dwellely, Jacobs, Lawrence, Morse, Woodwell,
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So the Senate refused to reconsider.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to confirm the proceedings of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. North Bennet St. Free-Will Baptist Society.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

In addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water; Bills.

Amending an act relating to the assessment of taxes upon estates omitted in the annual taxation, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill to authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

The report on the order relative to binding the report of Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was accepted in concurrence.

Boston
Mortgage
Co.

The House bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company was read a third time, amended, and the question on passing the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Carpenter,
Clark,	Coe,	Dwellely,
Fuller,	Giles,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Lawrence,	Learnard,	Merrill,
Potter,	Todd,	Torrey,
Washburn,	Whittle,	Woods,
Woodwell,	Wright.—23.	

NAY.—Mr. N. L. Johnson.—1.

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills enacted
and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

In addition to an act authorizing the purchase of land for a camp-ground for the militia.

To authorize clerks of courts to issue orders of notice in certain cases.

To extend the charter and reduce the capital stock of the Boston, Lynn and Peabody Railway Company.

To authorize the First Baptist Society of Newbury and Newburyport to sell their real estate.

To authorize cities and towns to contract for a supply of water.

To authorize the city of Boston to appropriate money for the relief of disabled firemen and the families of those killed.

To authorize the Springfield, Athol and North-Eastern Railroad Company to extend its road and to mortgage a portion thereof.

To authorize the city of Haverhill to construct a wharf and a bridge over Little River.

To authorize the county commissioners of the county of Hampden to borrow money for certain purposes.

To facilitate the settlement of estates of deceased persons.

To relieve parties affected by the acts of executors, administrators, guardians and trustees irregularly appointed or licensed, and for other purposes.

To establish the salary of the Attorney-General.

In relation to the improvement of the Commonwealth's flats in Boston Harbor.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 30, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Banister, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing certain copies of the speech delivered in the Senate by Hon. Mr. Potter, on the subject of annexing certain towns to the city of Boston, reported that the same ought to be adopted; and the report was accepted, and the order accordingly adopted.

Boston, annexation of certain territory to.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced a resolve in favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

General Statutes.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad presented the report of said committee for the year 1872; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad.

Mr. Woods offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That 3,000 extra copies of the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad for the year 1872 be printed, 500 copies for the use of the engineers of the Hoosac Tunnel and 2,500 copies for the use of the Legislature.

Papers from the House.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company came up concurred with certain amendments; and the bill was laid on the table and with the amendments ordered to be printed.

Chapin Banking & Trust Co.

The House bill to establish the Lexington Water Company came up non-concurred in the Senate amendment therein; and the Senate receded therefrom.

Lexington Water Co.

Bills,

Bills.

To regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments (on sundry petitions relative to the subject);

Giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons (in a new draft), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

District-at-
torneys.

A bill to provide clerical assistance for district-attorneys (in a new draft of Senate bill relative to the subject), was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Attach-
ments upon
real estate.

The orders of the day were taken up and the bill in relation to recording attachments upon real estate; and

Resolves.

The resolves

To provide for the codification of the general laws relating to insurance and for other purposes;

In favor of the state normal school at Bridgewater;

In favor of the town of Belchertown;

In favor of Abner J. Pierce, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 1, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Better-
ments.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced a bill to amend an act relating to betterments; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Fire in-
quests.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to extend the time within which fire inquests may be held; and

District-at-
torneys.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the bill to provide clerical assistance for district-attorneys; and

Mortgages
by guar-
dians.

Mr. Merrill, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill in relation to mortgages by guardians and others; and

Groton.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the resolve in favor of the town of Groton, severally reported that said bills and resolve ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Merchan-
dise, liabil-
ity of rail-
road corpo-
rations for.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, to whom was referred the bill in relation to the liability of railroad corporations for merchandise transported by them, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Paper from the House.

A bill to annex certain territory in the town of Winchester to the town of Woburn (on the petition of the town of Woburn) was read and ordered to a second reading. Winchester & Woburn.

The order relative to the close of the session of the Legislature was taken from the table and the members of the committee on the Judiciary of the Senate were joined as the committee on the part of the Senate. Close of the session.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Trial justices of juvenile offenders.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was laid on the table. Hours of labor in manufact'g establishments. Real estate.

The Senate bill in relation to recording attachments upon real estate was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House resolves Resolves.

To provide for the codification of the general laws relating to insurance, and for other purposes ;

In favor of the state normal school at Bridgewater ;

In favor of the town of Belchertown ;

In favor of Abner J. Pierce, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :— Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

Concerning the Newburyport Bridge.

To authorize trials in the superior court instead of before sheriffs' juries.

Authorizing the Boston Land Company to exclude tide-water from their lands.

Concerning the public landing places in the town of Milton.

To establish harbor lines on Charles River.

Amending an act to establish the city of Chelsea.

Relating to the channel of Muddy River in Brookline.

Concerning truant children and absentees from school.

The following engrossed resolves (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed, and with the Resolves passed and laid before

the Gov-
ernor.

above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

To authorize the county commissioners for the county of Essex to borrow money.

In favor of the State Lunatic Hospital at Taunton.

In favor of Edward J. Jones.

In favor of Russell Gray.

Bills.

The bills,

Concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company ;

To incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield, were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to insure greater safety in the use of steam-boilers was taken from the table.

Mr. Clark proposed a substitute therefor, and the bill was passed over.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 2, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Probate
courts.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill concerning the jurisdiction of probate courts ; and

Better-
ments.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to amend an act in relation to betterments, severally reported that the same ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Witnesses.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in addition to an act in relation to witnesses, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow on the question of rejection.

Wrentham.

Mr. Carpenter presented a petition of the town of Wrentham for authority to raise money by taxation or otherwise for the purpose of celebrating the bi-centennial anniversary of the incorporation of said town.

Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Westfield.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on Water Supply and Drainage, reported the bill to supply the town of West-

field with pure water without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

A bill relating to the attendance of children at school (on an order in relation to the subject) was read and ordered to a second reading. Attendance of children at school.

A resolve for repayment to Edward C. Austin, of a tax on bank shares was read and referred to the committee on Claims, in concurrence. Bank shares.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.
 Amending an act to provide for inquests in cases of fire;
 In relation to mortgages by guardians and others;
 Relating to clerical assistance for district attorneys;
 To annex certain territory in the town of Winchester to the town of Woburn; and

The resolve in favor of the town of Groton, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Groton.

The report on the bill in relation to the liability of railroad corporations for merchandise transported by them was passed over.

The House bill giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Trial justices of juvenile offenders.

The bill to insure greater safety in the use of steam-boilers was further considered, the question being on the substitute proposed therefor by Mr. Clark; and the vote being taken it was determined in the affirmative, and the same was ordered to a second reading. Steam-boilers.

The bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company was next considered, the question being on ordering the same to be engrossed; and an amendment proposed by Mr. Merrill being rejected, said question was determined as follows, to wit:— Boston and West Roxbury R.R. Co.

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Carpenter,
Clark,	Coe,	French,
Griffin,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Lobdell,	Morse,	Nye,
Packard,	Todd,	Torrey,
Wallace,	Whittle,	Woodwell.—18.
NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Fuller,	Giles,
Harmon,	Lawrence,	Learnard,
Merrill,	Parsons,	Potter,
Washburn.—10.		

So the bill passed to be engrossed.
 Sent down for concurrence.

Chapin
Banking &
Trust Co.

The bill to incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company of Springfield was taken up, and the amendments proposed thereto by the House, were adopted in concurrence.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Squantum Free Bridge Company.

Concerning the election of school committee in the city of Chelsea.

Amos Cummings.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Amos Cummings (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 3, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon and for other purposes, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Hoosac Tunnel. Troy and Greenfield R.R.

Mr. Banister, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing certain extra copies of the report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, reported that the same ought to be adopted; and the report was accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

Concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states;

To authorize the commissioners on Public Lands to give deeds in certain cases;

To provide for the appointment of an inspector of animals and provisions in the town of Brighton (in a new draft of the Senate bill relating to the inspection of provisions), were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury (on sundry petitions relative to the subject) was read and ordered to a second reading. Boston and West Roxbury.

The bill to authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land as a place for slaughter-houses came up concurred, with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence. Worcester, slaughter-houses in.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill authorizing the town of Arlington to take water from Vine Brook had been rejected by that branch. Vine Brook.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners; and Police commissioners.

Mr. Stickney, from the same committee, on the resolve in favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes, severally reported that said bills ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading. General Statutes, commissioners on the publication of.

On motion of Mr. Brown,—

Ordered, That the committee on the Fisheries inquire whether any unauthorized alterations were made in the bill in relation to the smelt fishery during its passage through the two branches of the general court. Smelt fishery.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To amend an act relating to betterments;

To supply the town of Westfield with pure water;

Relating to the attendance of children at school, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to the jurisdiction of probate courts in certain cases was laid on the table.

The bill in addition to an act in relation to witnesses was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

The House bills,

Amending an act to provide for inquests in cases of fire;

In relation to mortgages by guardians and others;

Relating to clerical assistance for district attorneys;

To annex certain territory in the town of Winchester to the town of Woburn; and

The House resolve in favor of the town of Groton, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Steam-boilers.

The bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

Liability of R.R. corporations.

The report on the bill in relation to the liability of railroad corporations for merchandise transported by them was next considered, the question being on the reference thereof to the next general court, and said question was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Carpenter,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Morse,	Nye,	Todd,
Whittle.—10.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Clark,	Dwellely,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Lawrence,
Potter,	Woodwell.—8.	

So the bill was referred to the next general court.

Boston Mortgage Co.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Boston Mortgage Company (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Liability of railroad corporations.

Mr. Fuller moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the report on the bill in relation to the liability of railroad corporations for merchandise transported by them was accepted; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Lee & New Haven R.R. Co.

In relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company (in a new draft);

Concerning the building, by the city of Somerville, of a drain through the city of Cambridge (on the petition of the city of Somerville), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of the Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was

placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection.

Mr. Potter, on leave, introduced a bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. State prison.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize Charles P. Stickney and Joseph A. Bowen to extend their wharf; and the same was referred, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, to the committee on Harbors. C. P. Stickney et al.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Nye moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order relative to alterations supposed to have been made in the act in relation to the smelt fishery was adopted; and the motion, being considered, was laid on the table. Smelt fishery.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the report on the bill in relation to the liability of railroad corporations for merchandise transported by them was accepted, was considered, and the vote thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:— Liability of railroad corporations.

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Clark,	Dwellely,
French,	Fuller,	Griffin,
Griggs,	Lawrence,	Learnard,
Parsons,	Potter,	Woodwell.—12.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Carpenter,
Coe,	Giles,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Morse,]
Nye,	Todd,	Wallace,
Washburn,	Woods.—14.	

So the Senate refused to reconsider.

The bills,

Bills.

Concerning the compensation of the police commissioners;

To incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon, and for other purposes;

To unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury; and

The resolve in favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Betterments. The Senate bill to amend an act relating to betterments was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Westfield. The Senate bill to supply the town of Westfield with pure water was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Steam-boilers. The Senate bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

School, attendance of children at. The House bill relating to the attendance of children at school was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Intoxicating liquors. The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for tomorrow.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor. The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

To authorize the town of Wakefield to pay bounties to soldiers who served as a part of the quota of said town in the recent war.

Amending an act relating to the assessment of taxes upon estates omitted in the annual taxation.

To supply the village of Attleborough with water for the extinguishment of fires, and for other purposes.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

C. P. Stickney et al. Mr. Johnson, of Suffolk, from the committee on Harbors, on the bill to authorize Charles P. Stickney and Joseph A. Bowen to extend their wharf, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve establishing a state normal art school without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

State normal art school.

Papers from the House.

A bill to confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace, was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

David B. Kimball.

A resolve providing for the expense of refitting buildings in Pemberton Square was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Insurance department.

A petition of the mayor of the city of Worcester for amendment of the act of 1871, in relation to the establishment of a union depot in said city was referred to the committee on Railways, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, in concurrence.

Worcester.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill concerning the building, by the city of Somerville, of a drain through the city of Cambridge was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Somerville and Cambridge.

The Senate resolve in favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

General Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

The resolve in favor of the Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Deep Bottom Tribe of Indians.

The Senate bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Police commissioners.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was passed over.

Intoxicating liquors.

The House bill to incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon, and for other purposes was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Trustees of the M. E. Church in Winchendon.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury was read a third time, amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendments.

Boston and West Roxbury.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Elections in
cities.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on an order in relation to the subject, reported

A bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities and towns.

Insurance
department.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square without amendment; and the same was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Commis-
sioners on
Public
Lands.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the commissioners on Public Lands to give deeds in certain cases;

State
prison.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on the bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison, severally reported that said bills ought to pass, the latter with an amendment; and they were severally ordered to a second reading.

Lee & New
Haven R.R.
Co.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Inspectors
of animals
and provi-
sions in
Brighton.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in addition to an act to provide for the appointment of inspectors of animals and provisions in the town of Brighton reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection.

Voting
places in
Boston.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on petition of the mayor of Boston for authority to establish additional polling places in the wards of the city, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Dunstable.

Mr. Wallace, on leave, introduced a bill to legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of Dunstable; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Smelt fish-
ery.

Mr. Brown, on leave, introduced a bill in relation to the smelt fishery; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Fisheries.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

*Papers from the House.***Bills,****Bills.**

To confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner ;

To amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes, relating to limited partnerships (in a new draft), were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to establish a half-mill school fund and to distribute the same with the income of the Massachusetts school fund, for the support of schools, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. **Half-mill school fund.**

A bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them (on the report of the secretary of the Board of Education) was read and ordered to a second reading. **Employment of children, etc.**

Reports of the joint special committee on the Liquor Law, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of **Reports.**

George S. Ball and others ;

Rodney French and others ; and

Daniel Holt and others, were severally read and accepted in concurrence.

A report of the joint special committee in relation to the close of the session, the same recommending that the week commencing Monday, May 12th, for legislative purposes, be considered the last week of the session, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. **Close of the session.**

The orders of the day were taken up, and the resolve in favor of a state normal art school was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. **State normal art school.**

The House bill concerning the building, by the city of Somerville, of a drain through the city of Cambridge, was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. **Somerville.**

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was passed over. **Intoxicating liquors.**

On motion of Mr. Morse, the vote whereby the bill to unite the city of Boston and town of West Roxbury passed to be engrossed was reconsidered ; and the bill was laid on the table. **Boston and West Roxbury.**

On motion, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet on Friday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M. **Adjournment.**

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 9, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Wednesday was read.

Inspectors
of elections
in cities.

Mr. Harmon, on leave, introduced a bill relative to the election of inspectors of elections in cities; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Walter and
Francis
Shanly.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

. *Papers from the House.*

Constables,
attendance
of, at court.

A bill to provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Darius W.
Foss.

A report of the committee on Mercantile Affairs, granting leave to withdraw, on the petition of Darius W. Foss and others, was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

J. F. Fuller
et als.

A petition of J. Franklin Fuller and others, for the refunding of a bank tax, was referred in concurrence, to the committee on Claims.

Bills.

The Senate bills,
To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton;
To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline;
To unite the city of Charlestown and the city of Boston;

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery came up concurred, with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

Boston and
Albany R.
R. Co.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Expenditures, on the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company for extension of time within which to pay sums specified in a certain contract, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize the commissioners on Public Lands to give deeds in certain cases;

Relating to the employment of children and regulations

respecting them, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading. State prison.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was read a second time, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:— Lee & New Haven R.R. Co.

YEAS. —Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Carpenter,	Clark,	French,
Giles,	Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,
Lawrence,	Lobdell,	Merrill,
Morse,	Packard,	Stickney,
Washburn,	Whittle,	Woods,
Wright.—19.		

NAYS. —Messrs. Banister,	Coe,	Fuller,
Griggs,	Jacobs,	Learnard,
Parsons,	Thompson,	Torrey.—9.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The bill to provide for the appointment of inspectors of provisions and animals in the town of Brighton, was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected. Inspectors of provisions and animals in Brighton.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of the mayor of Boston in relation to the establishment of additional polling places was accepted. Voting places in Boston.

The House report on the order relative to the close of the session of the present Legislature was accepted in concurrence. Close of the session.

The resolve in favor of a state normal art school was read a third time, amended in the title, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence. State normal art school.

Came up concurred.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was next considered, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading; and said question was determined as follows, to wit:— Intoxicating liquors.

YEAS. —Messrs. Baird,	Bancroft,	Coe,
Dwellely,	Fuller,	Giles,
Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,	Lawrence,
Lobdell,	Morse,	Packard,
Thompson,	Whittle,	Wright.—15.

NAVS.—Messrs. Banister, French, Jacobs,
Johnson, R., Merrill, Torrey.—6.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Elections in cities. The bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities was read a second time.

Mr. Banister proposed an amendment thereto, pending the consideration of which, the whole subject was passed over.

Jurisdiction of probate courts. The bill in relation to the jurisdiction of probate courts in certain cases was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills enacted. The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company.

To establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots.

To exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilotage.

To authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land for slaughter-houses.

To establish the Lexington Water Company.

To annex certain territory in the town of Winchester to the town of Woburn.

Relating to the attendance of children at school.

Relating to clerical assistance for district-attorneys.

In relation to mortgages by guardians and others.

Amending an act to provide for inquests in cases of fire.

Giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons.

Resolves passed. The following engrossed resolves (all of which originated in the House) passed, to wit:—

In favor of the town of Belchertown.

In favor of the state normal school at Bridgewater.

In favor of the town of Groton.

In favor of Abner J. Pierce.

Providing for the codification of the general laws relating to insurance, and for other purposes.

Boston and West Roxbury.

The bill to unite the city of Boston and town of West Roxbury was taken from the table, amended, and again passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

A bill in relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations was read and ordered to a second reading.

Street railway corporations.

A bill in relation to widows' dower was read and referred to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Widows' dower.

A bill to confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town and for other purposes was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Hubbardston.

The Senate bill to confirm the proceedings of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society came up concurred with an amendment adding the words "of Boston" to the title; and the amendment was adopted in concurrence.

North Bennet St. Free-Will Baptist Society.

The bill concerning the militia came up concurred with certain amendments; and the same was laid on the table and the amendments were ordered to be printed.

Militia.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the order in relation to further legislation respecting banks organized under the general laws, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for Monday.

Organization of banks under the general laws.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk presented a communication from the Harbor Commissioners respecting the establishment of harbor lines on Neponset River and at Newburyport on the Merrimack River; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Harbor Commissioners.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was taken from the table and assigned for consideration on Tuesday next, at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Hours of labor.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Walter and Francis Shanly.

The Senate report on the petition of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company was accepted

Boston and Albany R. R. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House report on the petition of Darius W. Foss and others was accepted in concurrence.

State
prison.

The Senate bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison was read a third time, amended and ordered to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Lee & New
Haven R.R.
Co.

The bill in relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company was read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Brown,
Carpenter,	Clark,	Griffin,
Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,	Johnson, R.,
Morse,	Nye,	Todd,
Wallace,	Washburn,	Woods.—15.
NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Dwellely,	Fuller,
Griggs,	Parsons,	Potter,
Woodwell.—7.		

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Commis-
sioners on
Public
Lands.

The House bill to authorize the commissioners on Public Lands to give deeds in certain cases was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Employ-
ment of
children.
Intoxicating
liquors.

The bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them was passed over.

The bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read a third time and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Carpenter,	Coe,	Dwellely,
Fuller,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,	Morse,
Nye,	Parsons,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Washburn,	Woods,
Woodwell.—19.		
NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Todd,	Torrey.—6.

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Probate
courts.

The bill in relation to the jurisdiction of probate courts in certain cases was read a second time and refused a third reading.

Elections in
cities.

The bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities was amended as proposed by Mr. Banister, and ordered to a third reading.

An engrossed resolve providing for the expense of refitting a building in Pemberton Square (which originated in the House) passed and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Insurance department.

The following bills and resolves were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :— Bills and resolves laid before the Governor.

To incorporate the Chapin Banking and Trust Company.

To establish a Cape Cod station for Boston pilots.

To exempt vessels employed in the coasting trade from compulsory pilotage.

To authorize the city of Worcester to purchase land for slaughter-houses.

To establish the Lexington Water Company.

To annex certain territory in the town of Winchester to the town of Woburn.

Relating to the attendance of children at school.

Relating to clerical assistance for district-attorneys.

In relation to mortgages by guardians and others.

Amending an act to provide for inquests in cases of fire.

Giving trial justices of juvenile offenders jurisdiction in matters relating to insane persons.

In favor of the town of Belchertown.

In favor of the state normal school at Bridgewater.

In favor of the town of Groton.

In favor of Abner J. Pierce.

Providing for the codification of the general laws relating to insurance, and for other purposes.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on Wrentham. the petition of the town of Wrentham, reported

A bill to authorize the town of Wrentham to raise money by taxation for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary.

Mr. Giles, from the committee on Banks and Banking, Trust companies. on an order in relation to further legislation respecting savings banks and trust companies, reported

A bill to regulate the returns, reserve and taxation of

trust companies ; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Inspectors
of elections
in cities.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill relating to the election of inspectors of elections in cities ; and

Municipal
court of Bos-
ton, attend-
ance of con-
stables at
sessions of.

The bill to provide for attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston, reported that said bills ought not to pass ; and they were placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection.

David B.
Kimball.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the bill to confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace ; and

Dunstable.

Mr. Jacobs, from said committee, on the bill to legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of the town of Dunstable, severally reported that said bills ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Smelt fish-
ery.

Mr. Woodwell, from the committee on the Fisheries, on the bill in relation to the smelt fishery, reported that the same ought to pass ; and it was ordered to a second reading.

District
court of
Eastern
Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Woods, the bill to establish the district court of Eastern Hampshire, was taken from the files of last year and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To dissolve certain corporations ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Newton.

A bill to establish the city of Newton (on the petition of the town of Newton) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Board of
Agriculture.

Ordered, In concurrence, that 3,000 extra copies of the report of the secretary of the Board of Agriculture be printed for the use of the Legislature.

Election
sermon.

Also, that the Sergeant-at-Arms, after consultation with His Excellency the Governor, procure, if possible, some suitable and convenient church in which the annual election sermon may be preached.

William
Braydon.

A petition of William Braydon for the refunding of a bank tax alleged to have been twice paid was referred to the committee on Claims in concurrence.

The Senate bill to supply the town of Westfield with pure water, came up concurred with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the report on the order relative to banks organized under the General Statutes was accepted.

Organiza-
tion of banks
under the
General
Statutes.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly was read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed, was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:—

Walter and
Francis
Shanly.

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Brown,	Clark,
Coe,	Dwellely,	French,
Giles,	Griggs,	Harmon,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Learnard,
Lobdell,	Morse,	Nye,
Parsons,	Potter,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Wallace,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Woodwell,	Woods.—24.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Fuller,
Jacobs.—4.		

So the resolve was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

The Senate bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities was read a third time, further amended, and passed to be engrossed.

Elections in
cities.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bills,

Bills.

In relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations;

Relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them, were severally passed over.

The resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston was taken from the table and assigned for consideration on Wednesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Boston, an-
nexation of
certain ter-
ritory to.

The bill concerning the militia was taken from the table and assigned for consideration on Thursday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Militia.

The communication from the harbor commissioners in relation to the establishment of harbor lines on Neponset and Merrimack Rivers was taken from the table and referred to the committee on Harbors.

Neponset
and Merri-
mack
Rivers.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Winchester. An engrossed bill in addition to an act to supply the town of Winchester with pure water (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted.

C. J. Cox. An engrossed resolve in favor of Charles J. Cox (which originated in the Senate) passed, and with the above-named bill, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 13, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

R. Vose, Jr. Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as a coroner, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Mansfield &
Framing-
ham R.R.
Co.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to extend its road, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next General Court; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward paying the expenses of maintaining libraries;

To authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Bills,

To establish a standard form of insurance policies (in a new draft of the Senate bill in relation to insurance companies);

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to borrow money (on the petition of said commissioners);

Concerning the New York and New England Railroad Company (on the petition of William T. Hart and others);

For the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the

public health in said cities (on the petition of the mayor of Somerville), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Notice was received from the Clerk of the House, that the Senate bill in addition to an act to provide inquest in case of fire; and Fire inquest.

The Senate resolve relating to the purchase of land for a camp-ground for the militia, had been rejected by that branch. Militia, camp-ground for.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To authorize the town of Wrentham to raise money by taxation for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary;

To legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of the town of Dunstable;

In relation to the smelt fishery;

To confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace;

To establish the city of Newton, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to regulate the returns, reserve and taxation of trust companies, was laid on the table.

The bill relating to the election of inspectors of elections in cities was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

The bill to provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston was recommitted to the committee on the Judiciary.

The bill in relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations was amended by striking out the second section thereof, and as amended, ordered to a third reading.

The bill relating to the employment of children, and regulations respecting them was further considered, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was determined as follows, to wit:— Employment of children.

YEAS.—Messrs. Carpenter, Griggs, Learnard, Parsons, Torrey, Wright.—16.	Clark, Johnson, N. L., Merrill, Potter, Washburn,	Dwellely, Lawrence, Morse, Thompson, Woods,
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NAYS.—Messrs. Banister, Fuller, Johnson, R.,	Brown, Giles, Nye,	French, Jacobs, Stickney.—9.
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So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Hours of
labor.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments, the question being on ordering the same to a third reading.

Mr. Merrill proposed an amendment to the bill, inserting in the first section, after the word, "age" the words "except by special contract"; and the question on this amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,	Brown,	French,
Fuller,	Giles,	Johnson, N. L.,
Merrill,	Packard,	Potter,
Wright.—10.		

NAYS. —Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Dwellely,
Griggs,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Morse,	Thompson,	Torrey,
Washburn,	Woods.—11.	

So the amendment was rejected.

The same senator proposed further to amend the bill by striking out the words "that age" in the third line of the first section, and inserting the words "twenty-one years"; and the question on this amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,	Brown,	French,
Fuller,	Giles,	Merrill,
Packard.—7.		

NAYS. —Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Dwellely,
Griggs,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Learnard,	Morse,	Potter,
Thompson,	Torrey,	Washburn,
Woods,	Wright.—14.	

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Woods proposed an amendment to the bill in section one, by striking therefrom the words "in the manufacture of cotton, woollen, linen, jute or silk fabrics"; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Brown,	Packard.—2.
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NAYS. —Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Carpenter,
Clark,	Dwellely,	French,
Fuller,	Giles,	Griggs,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Learnard,
Merrill,	Morse,	Potter,
Thompson,	Torrey,	Washburn,
Woods.—19.		

So the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Clark,	Dwelley,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Johnson, N. L.,
Merrill,	Morse,	Potter,
Thompson,	Washburn.—11.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Brown,	French,
Fuller,	Giles,	Griggs,
Packard,	Torrey,	Woods.—9.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The report of the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad for the year 1872 was taken from the table and referred to the committee on that subject. Hoosac Tunnel & Troy and Greenfield R.R.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the House bill to establish a half-mill school fund and to distribute the same for the support of schools, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection. Half-mill school fund.

The bill to amend chapter 371 of the laws of the year 1872, relating to the inspection of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes, came up concurred, with certain amendments; and the Senate concurred therein. Building act.

Subsequently, Mr. Torrey moved to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate concurred with the House in said amendments; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 14, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Griggs, on leave, introduced a resolve authorizing the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton to exchange certain lands; and the same was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed. State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Compensation funds, investment of for harbors.

Mr. Johnson of Suffolk, on leave, introduced a bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Harbors.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Mr. Parsons, on leave, introduced a resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the State House.

Severally sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

State house.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on the State House, under chapter 5, section 9 of the General Statutes relative to the subject, reported

A resolve providing for certain repairs and improvements upon the State House.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Harbors, on the communication from the harbor commissioners concerning the subject, reported

Bills.

Bills,

To establish harbor lines on Neponset River;

To establish a harbor line on Merrimack River in Newburyport; and these bills and resolve were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Widows' dower.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, on the bill in relation to widows' dower; and

Limited partnerships.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bills,

To amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes, relating to limited partnerships;

Witnesses in criminal prosecutions.

Concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions, severally reported that the same ought to pass, the latter with certain amendments; and these bills were ordered to a second reading.

Hudson.

Mr. Carpenter, from the committee on Railways, on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Hudson, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Brookline.

Mr. Merrill, on leave, introduced a bill to amend an act to authorize the town of Brookline to take water from Charles River; and the provisions of the bill being such that under the 19th joint rule, the same must be referred to the next General Court, Mr. Merrill moved that said rule be suspended; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baird,	French,	Giles,
Merrill,	Whittle,	Woodwell.—6.
NAYS. —Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Banister,
Clark,	Coe,	Dwellely,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Jacobs,
Johnson, N. L.,	Larnard,	Lobdell,
Packard,	Parsons,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Torrey,	Washburn,
Wallace,	Woods,	Wright.—21.

So the Senate refused to suspend the rule.

Papers from the House.

The Senate bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company came up concurred, with certain amendments; and the Senate non-concurred therein, and the bill was returned to the House.

Boston and
West Rox-
bury R.R.
Co.

Bills,

Bills.

Making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes;

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Bills,

Relating to the taxation of incomes;

In relation to the empanelling of jurors in capital cases, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A notice was received from the House, announcing that the Senate resolve relative to the appointment of a commission to inquire and report upon the best methods of constructing fire-proof buildings had been rejected by that branch.

Fire-proof
buildings.

On motion of Mr. Harmon, the vote whereby the bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them was passed to be engrossed was reconsidered; and the bill was thereupon recommitted to the committee on Education.

Employ-
ment of
children.

The bills,

Bills.

In addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors;

Concerning commercial fertilizers;

To regulate the returns, reserve and taxation of trust companies; and

Edward Crane et als. The report on the petition of Edward Crane and others, were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Building act. The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate refused to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate concurred with the House in an amendment to the bill to amend chapter 371 of the laws of 1872, relating to the inspection and regulation of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes.

Bills. The bills,
To establish a standard form of policies for insurance companies ;

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to borrow money ;

For the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities ;

To confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning the New York and New England Railroad Company was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and pass to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to establish a half-mill school fund, and to distribute the same for the support of schools was ordered to be placed first in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mansfield & Framingham RR. Co. The report on the bill to authorize the Mansfield and Framingham Railroad Company to extend its railroad was accepted, and the bill was accordingly referred to the next General Court.

Wrentham. The Senate bill to authorize the town of Wrentham to raise money by taxation for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Dunstable. The Senate bill to legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of the town of Dunstable was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Smelt-fishery. The Senate bill in relation to the smelt-fishery was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,

Bills.

To confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace;

To establish the city of Newton, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The House bill in relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations was read a third time as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill to regulate the hours of labor in manufacturing establishments was read a third time. Hours of labor.

Mr. Merrill proposed an amendment to the bill, striking therefrom, in the second line of section one, the words "and no female over that age"; and the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Dwellely,
French,	Fuller,	Giles,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Merrill,	Morse,	Packard,
Parsons,	Thompson,	Torrey,
Washburn,	Woodwell,	Wright.—18.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baird,	Bancroft,	Brown,
Coe,	Lobdell.—5.	

So the amendment was adopted.

The question then recurring on ordering said bill to be engrossed, the vote was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Clark,	Dwellely,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Merrill,	Morse,
Parsons,	Thompson.—8.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Brown,	French,	Fuller,
Giles,	Learnard,	Lobdell,
Packard,	Todd,	Torrey,
Woodwell,	Wright.—14.	

So the bill was rejected.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston, but without action thereon, the same was ordered to be placed second in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Boston, annexation of certain territory to.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To unite the city of Charlestown and the city of Boston.

To amend an act relating to betterments.

In relation to the Lee and New Haven Railroad Company.

To authorize the city of Boston to build an additional reservoir.

An engrossed resolve in relation to a state normal art school (which originated in the House) passed, and, with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 15, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Worcester Academy.

Mr. Thompson, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the Worcester Academy; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Education.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Hubbardston.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town, and for other purposes;

Dissolution of certain corporations. Hampshire County.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, on the bill to dissolve certain corporations; and

Mr. Jacobs, from the same committee, on the bill to fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire, severally reported that the same ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Edgartown.

Mr. Dwelley, from the committee on Agriculture, on the petition of William H. Munroe and others, reported

A bill for the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Paper from the House.

Worcester.

A report of the committee on Railways, referring the petition of the mayor of the city of Worcester to the next

General Court was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Todd, on leave, introduced a bill relating to the taking of fish from Reservoir Pond; and the Chair deciding that under the 19th joint rule the same should be referred to the next General Court,—Mr. Todd moved that said rule be suspended; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Bancroft,	Banister,
French,	Giles,	Harmon,
Johnson, R.,	Todd,	Wallace,
Whittle,	Woods.—11.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Coe,	Dwellely,	Fuller,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Jacobs,
Johnson, N. L.,	Lawrence,	Lobdell,
Morse,	Nye,	Parsons,
Potter,	Thompson,	Torrey,
Washburn,	Wright.—17.	

So the Senate refused to suspend the rule, and the bill was referred to the next General Court.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the New York and New England Railroad Company (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to establish a half-mill school fund, and to distribute the same for the support of schools was considered, the question being on the rejection of the bill; and said question was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	French,
Fuller,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Learnard,
Merrill,	Packard,	Thompson,
Torrey,	Washburn,	Whittle,
Wright.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Clark,
Dwellely,	Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,
Morse,	Parsons,	Todd,
Wallace,	Woodwell.—11.	

So the bill was rejected.

The resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston was further considered and amended; and the question then recurring on ordering the same to a third reading, it was taken by yeas and nays as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister, Learnard, Potter, Washburn,	Jacobs, Merrill, Thompson, Woods,	Lawrence, Parsons, Torrey, Wright.—12.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Dwellely, Giles, Johnson, N. L., Wallace,	Bancroft, French, Griggs, Packard, Whittle.—14.	Brown, Fuller, Harmon, Todd,

So the resolve was refused a third reading.

Subsequently, Mr. Potter moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the resolve was refused a third reading; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Bills.

The bills,

To establish harbor lines on Neponset River;

To establish a harbor line on Merrimac River in Newburyport, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes relating to limited partnerships was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to widows' dower was read a second time.

Mr. Parsons proposed an amendment, pending the consideration of which, the subject was passed over and the amendment ordered to be printed.

The bill to establish a standard form for insurance policies was read a third time.

Mr. Wright proposed an amendment to the bill, pending the consideration of which, the whole subject was passed over.

The House bills,

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to borrow money;

To confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The orders of the day were laid on the table.

Trust companies.

The bill to regulate the returns, reserve and taxation of

trust companies was discharged from the orders of the day,

Whereupon, Mr. Torrey rose to a point of order, which being stated, was that the order upon which the bill was reported was not properly before the committee, the same having been reported in the House, and the report having been rejected by that branch, the order was on the files of the House.

The Chair ruled that the point of order was well taken.

Mr. Brown having appealed from the decision of the Chair, the question was put and the decision sustained.

The orders of the day were taken up and the bill concerning commercial fertilizers was ordered to a third reading.

Commercial fertilizers.

The bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities was read a third time.

Cambridge and Somerville.

Mr. Fuller proposed an amendment to the bill, and the whole subject was passed over and the amendment ordered to be printed.

The report on the petition of Edward Crane and associates was laid on the table.

Edward Crane et als.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was committed to the committee on the Liquor Law.

Intoxicating liquors.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate report on the petition of the selectmen of the town of Hudson was accepted.

Hudson.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill concerning the militia, the question being on certain amendments proposed thereto by the House; and the amendments were adopted in concurrence with the exception of that in the 15th section, line 35, in which the Senate *non-concurred*.

Militia.

Mr. Wright proposed certain other amendments to the bill, which were adopted and sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the Springfield and Longmeadow Railroad Corporation was taken from the table and referred to the next General Court.

Springfield and Longmeadow R. R. Corp'n.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, re-

Taxation of bank shares.

ported the House bill relative to the taxation of bank shares without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 16, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Libraries.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize towns and cities to appropriate money towards paying the expenses of maintaining libraries; and

Harbors of
the Com-
monwealth.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Harbors, on the bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth, severally reported that said bills ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Hoosac
Tunnel
and the
Troy and
Greenfield
Railroad.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad on the report of the year 1872 in relation thereto, reported that no legislation is necessary thereon; and the report was read and, under a suspension of the rule, accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Challenging
of jurors.

A bill in relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors (a new draft of the Senate bill relative to the subject) was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Railroad
corporat'ns.

A resolve directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court a codification of the railroad laws (on so much of the report of the Railroad Commissioners as relates to the subject) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston and
West Rox-
bury R. R.
Co.

The Senate bill concerning the Boston and West Roxbury Railroad Company came up, and the House insists on its amendments therein.

Bills enact-
ed and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first five of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To authorize the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the towns of Russell and Montgomery.

To authorize Charles P. Stickney and Joseph A. Bowen to extend their wharf in Fall River.

To amend the General Statutes relating to teachers' institutes, the duties of school committees and the attendance of children in public schools.

To unite the city of Boston and the town of Brookline.

To confirm the proceedings of the North Bennet Street Free-Will Baptist Society of Boston.

To authorize the commissioners on Public Lands to give deeds in certain cases.

To incorporate the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Winchendon, and for other purposes.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Walter and Francis Shanly (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Walter and
Francis
Shanly.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein being the motion to reconsider the vote by which the resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston was refused a third reading, the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

Boston, an-
nexion of
certain ter-
ritory to.

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,
Griffin,
Lawrence,
Merrill,
Potter,
Torrey,
Wright.—19.

Carpenter,
Jacobs,
Learnard,
Morse,
Thompson,
Washburn,

Clark,
Johnson, R.,
Lobdell,
Parsons,
Todd,
Woods,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,
Dwellely,
Griggs,
Nye,

Bancroft,
French,
Harmon,
Whittle,

Coe,
Fuller,
Johnson, N. L.,
Woodwell.—12.

So the vote was reconsidered; and the question then recurring on ordering the bill to a third reading, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,
Griffin,
Lawrence,
Merrill,
Potter,
Torrey,
Wright.—19.

Carpenter,
Jacobs,
Learnard,
Morse,
Thompson,
Washburn,

Clark,
Johnson, R.,
Lobdell,
Parsons,
Todd,
Woods,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,
Dwellely,
Griggs,
Nye,

Bancroft,
French,
Harmon,
Whittle,

Coe,
Fuller,
Johnson, N. L.,
Woodwell.—12.

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Taxation of
bank
shares.

The bill relating to the taxation of bank shares was read a second time and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister, Fuller, Learnard, Todd,	Clark, Griggs, Stickney, Whittle.—11.	Dwellely, Lawrence, Thompson,
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Harmon, Merrill, Potter, Woodwell,	Carpenter, Jacobs, Morse, Torrey, Wright.—14.	French, Lobdell, Nye, Washburn,

So the bill was refused a third reading.

Bills.

The bills,

For the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown;

To confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town, and for other purposes;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill to dissolve certain corporations was read a second time, amended and ordered to a third reading.

The House report on the petition of the mayor of Worcester was accepted in concurrence.

Neponset
River.

The Senate bill to establish harbor lines on Neponset River was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill to establish a harbor line on Merrimac River in Newburyport was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states was read a third time, as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

The House bill to amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes relating to limited partnerships was read a third time, as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to establish a standard form for insurance policies was read a third time, amended as proposed by Mr. Wright, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Insurance policies.

The bill concerning commercial fertilizers was read a third time and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

Commercial fertilizers.

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Dwellely,	French,
Harmon,	Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,
Lobdell,	Todd,	Torrey,
Woods,	Wright.—11.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Clark,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Larnard,
Morse,	Nye,	Thompson,
Washburn,	Whittle,	Woodwell.—12.

So the bill was rejected.

Subsequently, Mr. Banister moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill was rejected; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill in relation to widows' dower was further considered, the question being on an amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Parsons; but without action thereon, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Widows' dower.

The bill for the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville, and for the preservation of the public health in said cities was next considered, the question being on certain amendments proposed by Mr. Fuller in the 9th and 10th sections thereof; and the question on that proposed in the 9th section was determined as follows, to wit :—

Cambridge and Somerville.

YEA.—Mr. Fuller.—1.

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Banister,
Carpenter,	Clark,	Dwellely,
French,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,
Lawrence,	Lobdell,	Merrill,
Morse,	Nye,	Potter,
Thompson,	Todd,	Torrey,
Washburn,	Whittle,	Woods,
Wright.—25.		

So the amendment was rejected.

The question was then taken on the amendment proposed to the 10th section, and it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Fuller, Woodwell.—2.

NAYS. —Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft.	Banister,
Carpenter,	Clark,	Dwellely,
French,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Harmon,	Jacobs.	Johnson, R.,
Lawrence,	Lobdell,	Merrill,
Nye,	Potter,	Thompson,
Todd,	Torrey,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Woods,	Wright.—24.

So the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurring on ordering said bill to be engrossed, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Carpenter,
Clark,	Dwellely,	French,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,
Lobdell,	Merrill,	Morse,
Nye,	Potter,	Thompson,
Todd,	Torrey,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Woods,	Woodwell,
Wright.—25.		

NAY.—Mr. Fuller.—1.

So the bill was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Banister, from the committee on the State House, on the resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor; and

Municipal
court of
Boston.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was recommitteed the bill to provide for attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston; and

State house.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve providing for repairs and improvements on the State House, severally reported that said bill and resolves ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Head-stones
for deceased
soldiers and
sailors.

Mr. Morse, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize towns to appropriate money to provide headstones for deceased soldiers and sailors; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 17, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

On motion of Mr. Jacobs, the vote whereby the bill concerning the taxation of bank shares was refused a third reading was reconsidered, and the bill was then re-committed to the committee on the Treasury. Taxation of bank shares.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to relocate its railroad in Provincetown was read and referred to the committee on Railways in concurrence, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule. Old Colony R.R. Co.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors came up non-concurred in the reference thereof to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law; and the same was laid on the table. Intoxicating liquors.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

To provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth;

To authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward defraying the expenses of maintaining libraries; and

The resolves, Resolves.

Providing for repairs and improvements on the State House;

In relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor;

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court a codification of the railroad laws, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill for the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Sea-fowl.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill to dissolve certain corporations was read a third time, as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence. Dissolution of certain corporations.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

To confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town, and for other purposes ;

To fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Annexation
of certain
territory to
Boston.

The Senate resolve in relation to uniting certain cities and towns with the city of Boston was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Commercial
fertilizers.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill concerning commercial fertilizers was rejected was taken up, and the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft, French, Harmon, Potter, Woods,	Banister, Griffin, Johnson, R., Todd, Wright.—14.	Dwellely, Griggs, Lawrence, Torrey,
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Giles, Nye, Washburn,	Brown, Learnard, Thompson, Whittle,	Fuller, Morse, Wallace, Woodwell.—12.

So the vote was reconsidered, and the bill was then amended by striking therefrom the 5th and 6th sections, also by adding a new section as section 9 ; and the question then recurring on ordering said bill to be engrossed, it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft, French, Harmon, Merrill, Woods.—18.	Banister, Griffin, Johnson, R., Potter,	Dwellely, Griggs, Lawrence, Todd,
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Giles, Nye, Woodwell.—10.	Brown, Clark, Thompson,	Fuller, Morse, Whittle,

So the bill passed to be engrossed with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Municipal
court of the
city of Bos-
ton.

The bill to provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

An engrossed bill relating to attachments of real estate (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Real estate.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Harbors, on the bill relating to the freight bridge of the Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the report being considered, under a suspension of the rule, was accepted and the bill accordingly rejected. Boston and Lowell R.R. Corporat'n.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petitions of Boston and Maine R.R.

The Boston and Maine Railroad relative to its bridges over Charles and Miller's Rivers; and

The Eastern Railroad Company in relation to its bridges over said rivers, reported that said petitioners severally have leave to withdraw; and these reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Eastern R. Co.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 19, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors, reported that the same ought to pass; and the bill was ordered to a second reading. Challenging of jurors.

Mr. Harmon, from said committee, on the bill in relation to the taxation of incomes, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and it was ordered to a second reading. Taxation of incomes.

Mr. Bancroft, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate a gas company in the town of Millbury; and the same was referred to the next General Court, under the 19th joint rule. Gas Co. in Millbury.

Mr. Washburn, from the committee on Education, on the bill relating to the Worcester Academy, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read and ordered to a second reading. Worcester Academy.

Paper from the House.

A bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities Drainage and water supply.

and towns (in a new draft) was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Harbors of
the Com-
monwealth.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Bills.

The House bills,

To provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston ;

To authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward defraying the expenses of maintaining libraries ; and

Railroad
laws.

The House resolve directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court a codification of the railroad laws, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

State house.

The Senate resolve providing for repairs and improvements on the State House was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

The Senate resolve in relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Eastern R.
R. Co.
Boston and
Maine R.R.

The Senate reports on the petitions of

The Eastern Railroad Company, and

The Boston and Maine Railroad were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Intoxicating
liquors.

The bill in relation to widows' dower ; and

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ; and

Newbury-
port City
R.R. Co.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to suspend the 19th joint rule in order to refer the bill concerning the Newburyport City Railroad Company to the committee on Railways, were severally taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Jacobs moved that when the Senate adjourns, it be ^{Adjourn-} to meet on Wednesday next; and the question on this ^{ment.} motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Clark, Dwelley, French,
Griffin, Harmon, Jacobs,
Johnson, R., Lawrence, Morse,
Parsons, Stickney, Todd,
Woodwell.—18.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft, Banister, Coe,
Learnard, Nye, Potter,
Thompson, Washburn, Woods.—9.

So the motion was carried in the affirmative.

Mr. Potter moved a reconsideration of the above vote; and the question thereon was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft, Banister, Clark,
Coe, Dwelley, French,
Learnard, Merrill, Nye,
Potter, Washburn.—11.

NAYS.—Messrs. Harmon, Jacobs, Johnson, R.,
Lawrence, Morse, Parsons,
Todd, Woodwell.—8.

So the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, re-ported the bill in relation to the empanelling of juries <sup>Empanel-
ling of ju-
ries.</sup> without amendment; and the same was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 20, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, re-ported the bill in further addition to an act concerning the <sup>Intoxicating
liquors.</sup> manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Bills,

Relating to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge;

Bills.

To amend the act in relation to the capital of gas corporations, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Museum of
Comparative Zo-
ology.

The Senate resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, came up concurred, with certain amendments; and the Senate concurred in those at (A) and (C) and non-concurred in that proposed at (B), and the bill was returned to the House.

Graves of
deceased
soldiers.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize towns to appropriate money to provide headstones for deceased soldiers and sailors, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of, "Bill to authorize towns to appropriate money for the ornamentation of graves of deceased soldiers and sailors."

Fall River
Loan and
Trust Co.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the petition of S. H. Miller and others, reported

A bill to incorporate the Fall River Loan and Trust Company; and these bills were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

In relation to the Worcester Academy;

In relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Taxation of
incomes.

The bill relating to the taxation of incomes was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Judiciary, further amended and ordered to a third reading.

Widows'
dower.

The bill in relation to widows' dower was recommitted to the committee on Probate and Chancery.

Newbury-
port City
R.R. Co.

The motion to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to suspend the 19th joint rule in order to refer the bill concerning the Newburyport City Railroad Company was carried in the affirmative, and the bill was then read three times, under a suspension of the rules, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Intoxicating
liquors.

The bill in addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was next considered, and the Senate receded from its vote of reference to the joint special committee on the Liquor Law.

And thereupon, Mr. Thompson moved that the bill be

indefinitely postponed; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Bancroft,	Coe,	Dwellely,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Nye,
Packard,	Parsons,	Potter,
Stickney,	Thompson,	Todd,
Whittle.—16.		

NAYS. —Messrs. Baker,	Banister,	Merrill,
Torrey,	Wright.—5.	

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To amend chapter 321 of the acts of the year 1872, in relation to the regulation and inspection of buildings in the city of Boston, and for other purposes.

To authorize the county commissioners of Dukes County to borrow money.

Concerning the building by the city of Somerville, of a drain through the city of Cambridge.

To confirm certain acts done by David B. Kimball as a justice of the peace.

To confirm certain acts done by Robert Vose, Jr., as coroner.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 21, 1878.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The report on the petition of Edward Crane and associates was taken from the table and accepted in concurrence.

Edward Crane et als.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad; and the same was read and referred, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule, to the committee on Railways.

Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg R.R. Co.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on Probate and Chancery, to whom was recommitted the bill in relation to widows' dower, reported that the same ought not to pass; and the report being considered, was passed over.

Widows' dower.

Papers from the House.

State Re-
form School
at West-
borough.

A resolve (on the Governor's address) providing for repairs and improvements in the State Reform School at Westborough was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Steam-boil-
ers.

The Senate bill requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers, came up concurred, with amendments in the second and third sections ; and the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed in the second section and non-concurred in that proposed in the third section, and the bill was returned to the House.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors ;

To authorize towns to appropriate money for the ornamentation of graves of deceased soldiers and sailors, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Fall River
Loan and
Trust Co.

The bill to incorporate the Fall River Loan and Trust Company was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading.

Worcester
Academy.

The Senate bill in relation to the Worcester Academy was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills.

The House bills,

In relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors ;

Relating to the taxation of incomes, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, the latter with the amendment heretofore adopted, which was sent down for concurrence.

Boston and
Brighton.

Came up concurred.

An engrossed bill to unite the city of Boston and the town of Brighton (which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 22, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced a bill to amend chapter 280, section two of the acts of 1871, relating to tenement houses; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule and passed to be engrossed.

Tenement
houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to relocate its railroad in Provincetown, reported the same in a new draft; and the bill was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Old Colony
R. R. Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Merrill, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the revision of awards of compensation for the use of the tracks of street railway corporations; and the same was read and referred to the committee on Horse Railways.

Street rail-
way corpo-
rations.

Mr. Wallace, from the committee on Railways, on the order respecting further legislation in regard to connecting railroads, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Connecting
railroads.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the House bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment.

Appropri-
ations.

Mr. Stickney, from the same committee, reported the House resolve providing for repairs and improvements at the State Reform School at Westborough without amendment.

State Re-
form School
at Westbo-
rough.

The same senator, from the same committee, to whom was recommitting the bill relating to the taxation of bank shares, reported that the same ought to pass with certain amendments; and these bills and the resolve were severally ordered to a second reading, and the amendments proposed to the latter were ordered to be printed with certain accompanying papers.

Taxation of
bank
shares.

Mr. Torrey, on leave, introduced resolves in relation to the one hundredth anniversary of American Independence;

One hun-
dredth an-
niversary of

American
Independence.

and the same was read and under a suspension of the rule passed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

State
prison.

The Senate bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison came up concurred, with certain amendments; and the same were ordered to be printed.

Newton
Cemetery
Corporation.

A bill to authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation, was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Witnesses
in criminal
prosecu-
tions.

The Senate bill concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states came up concurred with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

Police com-
missioners.

The Senate bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners came up concurred, with certain amendments; and the Senate non-concurred therein, and the bill was returned to the House.

Intoxicating
liquors.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the House bill in further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Graves of
deceased
soldiers.

The Senate bill to authorize towns to appropriate money for the ornamentation of graves of deceased soldiers and sailors was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Fall River
Loan and
Trust Co.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Fall River Loan and Trust Company was read a third time, amended in the title by substituting the word "Banking" for the word "Loan," and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Widows'
dower.

The bill in relation to widows' dower was, in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

Bills enact-
ed.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To authorize the town of Wrentham to raise money by taxation for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centennial anniversary.

To provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston.

To confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town, and for other purposes.

In relation to empanelling juries in capital cases.

To fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire.

For the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville and for the preservation of the public health in said cities.

The following engrossed resolves (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed, to wit:— Resolves passed.

Authorizing the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton to exchange certain lands.

In favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes.

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court a codification of the railroad laws.

An engrossed bill to authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward defraying the expenses of maintaining libraries (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted. Libraries.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 23, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Coe, from the committee on Prisons, on the order in relation to the expediency of continuing the present commission on Prisons, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow. Commission on prisons.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, reported the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes, without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading. Eastern R.R. Co.

Mr. Wallace, from the same committee, on the bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad, under the name of the Boston and Portland Railway Trust Company, reported the same in a new draft, under the title of Eastern R.R. Co. and the Boston and Maine R.R.

Bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Bancroft,—

Agent for
discharged
convicts.

Ordered, That the committee on Prisons consider the expediency of abolishing the office of agent of discharged convicts.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Overseers of
the poor in
Cambridge.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the House bill relating to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

To prevent the defacement of natural scenery;
In relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors;
In relation to the punishment of certain crimes;

To give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate bill to establish harbor lines on Neponset River came up concurred, with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence.

Appropriations.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee on the Treasury and ordered to a third reading.

State Reform School
at Westborough.

The resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the State Reform School at Westborough was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Connecting
railroads.

The report on the order in relation to further legislation respecting connecting railroads was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Taxation of
bank
shares.

The bill relating to the taxation of bank shares was further considered and amended as proposed by the committee on the Treasury.

Messrs. Baker and Bancroft gave notice of certain amendments, which were ordered to be printed, and the

bill was then ordered to be read a third time on Tuesday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The bill authorizing the taking of land for the purpose of a state prison was next considered, the question being on the adoption of certain amendments proposed thereto by the House ; and the Senate non-concurred therein, and the bill was returned to the House. State prison.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :— Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

Concerning commercial fertilizers.

In relation to the increase of capital stock by street railway corporations.

The following enacted bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :— Bills laid before the Governor.

To provide for the attendance of constables at sessions of the municipal court of the city of Boston.

For the abatement of a nuisance in the cities of Cambridge and Somerville and the preservation of the public health in said cities.

To confirm the doings of the town of Hubbardston in changing the number of school districts in said town, and for other purposes.

In relation to empanelling juries in capital cases.

The fix the salary of the clerk of the courts for the county of Hampshire.

To authorize towns and cities to appropriate money toward defraying the expenses of maintaining libraries.

Also, the following resolves, to wit :—

Directing the Railroad Commissioners to report to the next General Court a codification of the railroad laws. Resolves laid before the Governor.

Authorizing the trustees of the State Lunatic Hospital at Northampton to exchange certain lands.

In favor of the commissioners on the publication of the General Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Merrill,—

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet on Monday at 2½ o'clock, P. M. Adjournment.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, May 26, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Worcester
Lunatic
Hospital.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in regard to the Worcester Lunatic Hospital, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

*Papers from the House.*Museum of
Comparative Zo-
ology.

The resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, came up and the House insists on its amendment at (B) therein; and thereupon the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence in the same, and Messrs. Torrey, Washburn and Learnard were appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Ladd of Springfield, Holmes of Fall River and Sears of Barnstable are joined.

State
prison.

The bill authorizing the taking of land for the purpose of a state prison came up, and the House insists on its amendments therein; and thereupon the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence, and Messrs. Harmon, Potter and Thompson were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up and Messrs. Sanger of Cambridge, Soule of Springfield and Fitzgerald of Boston are joined.

Police com-
missioners.

The Senate bill concerning the compensation of the Police Commissioners came up, and the House insists on its amendments therein; and thereupon the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence, and Messrs. Morse, Dwelley and Coe were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Stedman of Boston and Hammond of Cambridge are joined.

Compensa-
tion of audi-
tors.

A bill in relation to the compensation of auditors was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Town
clerks.

A bill concerning the fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording facts relating to deaths was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced a bill for the better protection of neglected and destitute children; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Protection of neglected and destitute children.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Fall River.

The resolves in relation to the one hundredth anniversary of American Independence (from the House) came up referred to the committee on Federal Relations; and the Senate concurred in the reference. One hundredth anniversary of American Independence.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown and for other purposes, was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading. Eastern R.R. Co.

The bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad was read a second time, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was determined as follows, to wit:— Eastern R. R. Co. and Boston and Maine R.R.

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Coe,
Fuller,	Giles,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Morse,
Nye,	Stickney,	Todd,
Washburn,	Woods,	Woodwell.— 15.
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Dwellely,
Griggs,	Harmon,	Merrill,
Parsons,	Potter,	Thompson,
Wright.—10.		

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

The Senate bill in relation to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. Overseers of the poor of the city of Cambridge.

The Senate report on the order relative to the continuance of the commission on prisons was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The House bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year and for other purposes, was passed over. Appropriations.

The resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the State Reform School at Westborough was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. State Reform School at Westborough.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, May 27, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Papers from the House.

Bills.

Bills,

Regulating elections in the city of Boston ;

To amend the charter of the city of Cambridge ; and

State prison
lands.

A resolve to provide for the expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Smelt fish-
ery.

The Senate bill in relation to the smelt fishery, came up concurred with certain amendments ; and the same was laid on the table.

Worcester
Lunatic
Hospital.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the resolve in favor of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

Eastern R.
R. Co. and
the Boston
& Maine
R.R.

The Senate bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad was read a third time, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,
Fuller,
Jacobs,
Lobdell,
Todd,
Morse.—16.

Carpenter,
Giles,
Johnson, R.,
Nye,
Wallace,

Clark,
Griffin,
Lawrence,
Packard,
Whittle,

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,
Harmon,
Thompson,

Bancroft,
Learnard,
Torrey,

French,
Parsons,
Woods.—9.

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

Overseers of
the poor in
Cambridge.

The House bill relating to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Appropriations.

The House bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, was read a third time, as heretofore amended, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment.

Subsequently, Mr. Baker moved a reconsideration of

the vote whereby the bill passed to be engrossed ; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charles-town, and for other purposes, was read a third time. Eastern
R.R. Co.

Mr. Giles proposed certain amendments to the bill, and the same was laid on the table and the amendments ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to assignment, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill relating to the taxation of bank shares ; and the same was read a third time and amended on motion of Mr. Fuller. Taxation of
bank
shares.

Mr. Baker proposed as an amendment to the same to insert two new sections to be numbered as sections 20 and 21 ; and the question on the adoption of the amendment was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	French,	Giles,
Harmon,	Lobdell,	Nye,
Packard,	Torrey,	Wallace.—9.
NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Banister,	Clark,
Dwellely,	Griffin,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Learnard,
Parsons,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Todd,	Whittle,	Woods.—15.

So the amendment was rejected.

Mr. Bancroft proposed an amendment striking out the first fifteen sections ; and the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Giles,
Harmon,	Lobdell,	Nye,
Packard,	Torrey,	Wallace.—9.
NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Dwellely,
French,	Griffin,	Griggs,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,
Learnard,	Merrill,	Parsons,
Stickney,	Thompson,	Todd,
Whittle,	Woods.—17.	

So the amendment was rejected.

The question then recurring on ordering said bill to be engrossed, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Dwellely,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Learnard,
Merrill,	Parsons,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Todd,	Whittle,
Woods.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, Bancroft, French,
 Giles, Harmon, Nye,
 Packard, Torrey, Wallace.—9.

So the bill passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments heretofore adopted, which were sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Bills enacted.

The following engrossed bills (the first five of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To establish a harbor line on Merrimack River in Newburyport.

For the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown.

Requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers.

To supply the town of Westfield with pure water.

Concerning the militia.

Concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states.

To unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury.

To amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes relating to limited partnerships.

In relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors.

Boston.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city, reported that the same ought to pass; and it was ordered to a second reading.

Taxation of incomes.

The bill in relation to the taxation of incomes came up, and the House concurs in the amendment at (A), striking out the words "fifteen hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "twenty-five hundred dollars," with an amendment making it "two thousand dollars," and non-concurs in the amendment at (B); and thereupon the Senate non-concurred in the amendment to the amendment at (A) and insisted on its amendment at (B), and Messrs. Bancroft, Stickney and Whittle were appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Hammond of Cambridge and Mason of Plymouth are appointed on the part of the House.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, May 28, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate refused to reconsider the vote whereby the bill making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year and for other purposes was passed to be engrossed; and the amendment was sent down for concurrence.

Appropriations.

The bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city was read a second time and ordered to a third reading, and to be printed.

Boston.

The House resolve in favor of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital was read a third time and passed to engrossed in concurrence.

Worcester Lunatic Hospital.

Mr. Harmon moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad passed to be engrossed; and the motion was laid on the table.

Eastern R. R. Co. and Boston and Maine R.R.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 29, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

The following enacted bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Bills laid before the Governor.

Concerning the militia.

Requiring returns in relation to steam-boilers.

To establish a harbor line across Merrimack River in Newburyport.

For the protection of sea-fowl in the waters of Edgartown.

To supply the town of Westfield with pure water.

To amend chapter 55 of the General Statutes, relating to limited partnerships.

To unite the city of Boston and the town of West Roxbury.

Concerning witnesses in criminal prosecutions in other states.

In relation to the peremptory challenging of jurors.

Fall River.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the Senate bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ; and on

State prison lands.

The House resolve to provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands ; and

The House bills,

In relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors ;

To authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation ; and

Auditors.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the bill in relation to the compensation of auditors ; and

Bills.

Mr. Harmon, from said committee, on the bills,

To amend the charter of the city of Cambridge ;

Concerning fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths ;

To give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads, severally reported that these bills ought to pass ; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Capital of gas corporations.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the House bill to amend the act in relation to the capital of gas corporations, submitted a similar report thereon ; and the same was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Natural scenery, defacement of.

Mr. Torrey, from the same committee, on the bill to prevent the defacement of natural scenery, and for other purposes ; and

Neglected and destitute children.

Mr. Jacobs, from said committee, on the bill for the protection of neglected and destitute children, severally reported these bills in a new draft ; and they were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

Employment of children.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on Education, to whom was recommitted the bill relating to the employment of children and regulations concerning them, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment.

Grade, streets, drainage & water supply for certain cities & towns.

The same senator, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grade, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns without amendment ; and these bills were placed in the orders of the day for Saturday.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in relation to the punishment for certain crimes ; Punishment for certain crimes. and

The bill regulating elections in the city of Boston, reported that these bills ought not to pass ; and they were severally placed in the orders of the day for Saturday, on the question of rejection. Elections in the city of Boston.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the petition of the administrator of the estate of Moses B. Sewall, reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw ; and the report was accepted under a suspension of the rule. Moses B. Sewall.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses on the bill authorizing the taking of land for the purpose of a state prison, submitted a report thereon ; and the same was placed in the orders of the day for Saturday. State prison.

Mr. Morse, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, in relation to the bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners, reported, recommending that the Senate concur in the amendment of the House by substituting for the words " five hundred," the words " eight hundred." Police commissioners.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee of conference, on the subject-matter of difference between the two branches in relation to the resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy submitted a report thereon, recommending that the following be adopted as a substitute for the amendment proposed by the House at (B), to wit :— Museum of Comparative Zoölogy.

" Provided, that all colleges and schools in this Commonwealth shall have equal right to the enjoyment of the privileges and facilities of said museum ; and provided also, that said museum shall have realized during the current year a like sum from private donations, a sworn certificate of which shall be deposited with the auditor before said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is paid from the treasury.

And these several reports were read and placed in the orders of the day for Saturday.

Mr. Potter, from the committee on Prisons, on the order authorizing said committee to visit said institutions, submitted a report in relation to the general condition thereof ; Prisons.

and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Brown,—

Smelt fish-
ery.

Messrs, Torrey, Harmon and Stickney were appointed a committee, with such as the House may join, to inquire and report whether chapter 211 of the acts of the present session, in relation to the smelt fishery, is in accordance with the bill as it passed both branches of the Legislature; whether it was altered by any person or persons without authority during its passage, and report the facts and what legislation may be necessary thereon.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Prisons of
the Com-
monwealth.

Mr. Coe offered the following order, which was read and referred to the committee on Printing:—

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the report of the committee on Prisons be printed, 1,000 copies for the use of the committee, and the remainder for the use of the Legislature.

Agent for
discharged
convicts.

Mr. Thompson, from the committee on Prisons, on the order relative to abolishing the office of agent for discharged convicts, reported that it is inexpedient to legislate thereon; and the report was read and placed in the orders of the day for Saturday.

Papers from the House.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

A bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend two hundred thousand dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and the approaches thereto, and for other purposes (on the Governor's address and sundry petitions relating thereto) was read and ordered to a second reading.

State of
Maine.

A resolve to authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the state of Maine was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Tenement
houses.

The Senate bill to amend chapter 280, section 2 of the acts of 1871, relating to tenement houses, came up concurred with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

Eastern R.
R. Co.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes was taken from the table and recommitted to the committee on Railways.

The motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad passed to be engrossed was taken from the table by the following vote, to wit :—

Eastern R.
R. Co. and
Boston &
Maine R.R.

YEAS. —Messrs. Banister, Coe, Jacobs, Morse, Todd, Washburn,	Carpenter, Giles, Johnson, R., Nye, Torrey, Whittle,	Clark, Griffin, Lobdell, Packard, Wallace, Woodwell.—18.
NAYS. —Messrs. Baird, Brown, Griggs, Lawrence, Stickney,	Baker, Dwelley, Harmon, Merrill, Thompson,	Bancroft, Fuller, Johnson, N. L., Parsons, Woods.—15.

And the question on the motion to reconsider was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baker, Harmon, Stickney, Woods,	Bancroft, Johnson, N. L., Thompson, Wright.—11.	Griggs, Parsons, Torrey,
NAYS. —Messrs. Baird, Carpenter, Dwelley, Jacobs, Lobdell, Packard, Whittle,	Banister, Clark, Fuller, Johnson, R., Morse, Todd, Woodwell.—20.	Brown, Coe, Giles, Lawrence, Nye, Wallace,

So the Senate refused to reconsider and the bill was sent down for concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed be enacted, to wit :—

Bills enacted
and laid
before the
Governor.

To authorize the Old Colony Railroad Company to change the location of its railroad in the town of Provincetown.

Concerning the Newburyport City Railroad Company.

To establish harbor lines on Neponset River.

To legalize certain votes passed by the inhabitants of the town of Dunstable.

In relation to the taxation of bank shares.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the Senate) passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Resolves
passed and
laid before
the Gov-
ernor.

In relation to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

Providing for certain repairs and improvements on the state house.

Adjourn-
ment.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns it be to meet on Saturday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 31, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Thursday was read.

Quorum.

On motion, a call of the Senate was had, and it appeared that the following named senators were present, to wit :—

Messrs. Bancroft, Banister, Dwelley, Fuller, Giles, Griggs, Harmon, Jacobs, Lawrence, Loring, Morse, Potter, Thompson, Wallace, Washburn, Woodwell.—16.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

On motion of Mr. Griffin,—

Ordered, That hereafter the annual report of the Bureau of Statistics of Labor shall be numbered and classified among the public documents.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Paper from the House.

Fire-
escapes.

A bill to provide for suitable fire-escapes for manufacturing and mechanical establishments was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Senate.

On motion of Mr. Griggs,—

Ordered, That on and after Tuesday next, the Senate hold a session, in addition to the regular session, at 11 o'clock, A. M., and that each session be considered a legislative day.

Bills enact-
ed and laid
before the
Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

To authorize the South Boston Railroad Company to increase its capital stock.

In further addition to an act concerning the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

To establish the city of Newton.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills, Bills.

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water ;

To prevent the defacement of natural scenery, and for other purposes ;

For the protection of neglected and destitute children ;

Concerning fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths ;

In relation to the compensation of auditors ;

In relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors ;

To authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation ;

To amend the charter of the city of Cambridge ; and

The resolve to provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading. State
prison
lands.

The bill to give a right of action against owners of rail-roads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads was read a second time, amended, and ordered to a third reading. Bills.

The bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grades, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns ; and

The bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them, were severally passed over and ordered to be printed.

The House bill to authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health in said city was ordered to be engrossed in concurrence.

The bill in relation to the punishment of certain crimes was in accordance with the report of the committee thereon, rejected.

The bill regulating elections in the city of Boston was laid on the table.

The reports of the several committees of conference,

On the bill concerning the compensation of the commissioners ; Committees
of confer-
ence, re-
ports of.

The bill authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison ; and

The resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoology, were severally accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Agent for
discharged
convicts.

The Senate report on the order relative to abolishing the office of agent for discharged convicts was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 2, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

T. Gilbert.

Mr. Whittle, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize Thomas Gilbert to extend his wharf in Marblehead, and moved a suspension of the 19th joint rule requiring said bill to be referred to the next General Court; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Brown,	Clark,
French,	Fuller,	Giles,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Lawrence,	Merrill,
Potter,	Thompson,	Todd,
Stickney,	Washburn,	Whittle,
Woodwell.—19.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Carpenter,	Learnard,
Wallace.—4.		

So the rule was suspended and the bill, under a suspension of the rule requiring the same to be referred to a committee, was read and ordered to a second reading,

Prisons
of the Com-
monwealth.

Mr. Banister, from the committee on Printing, on the order relative to printing certain extra copies of the report of the committee on Prisons on the general condition of said institutions, reported that the same ought to be adopted; and the report, being considered under a suspension of the rule, was accepted.

Elections in
Boston.

The bill regulating elections in the city of Boston was taken from the table and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Fall River.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Neglected
and desti-
tute chil-
dren.

The Senate bill for the protection of neglected and destitute children was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to prevent the defacement of natural scenery, and for other purposes was read a third time and passed to be engrossed. Defacement of natural scenery.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads was read a third time. Railroads.

Mr. Wallace proposed as an amendment to said bill, a new section to be numbered as section 6 ; and the bill was passed over and the amendment ordered to be printed.

The House bills,

Bills.

Concerning fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths ;

In relation to the compensation of auditors ;

In relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors ;

To authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation ;

To amend the charter of the city of Cambridge ; and

The resolve to provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grades, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns was further considered, amended, and ordered to a third reading. Water supply for certain cities and towns.

The bill relating to the employment of children and regulations respecting them was further considered, amended as proposed by the committee on Education, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :— Employment of children.

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft, Griffin, Learned, Washburn.—10.	Carpenter, Griggs, Potter,	Clark, Lawrence, Thompson,
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NAYS.—Messrs. Baker, French, Harmon, Morse, Todd, Woodwell.—16.	Banister, Fuller, Jacobs, Parsons, Wallace,	Brown, Giles, Merrill, Stickney, Whittle,
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So the bill was rejected.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To establish a standard form for insurance policies.

In relation to the Worcester Academy.

To dissolve certain corporations.

State Reform School.

An engrossed resolve providing for repairs and improvements in the state reform school (which originated in the Senate) passed and with the above-named bills was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjournment.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P.M.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 3, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Treasury of Dukes Co.

Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County for certain sums of money expended; and

Fire-escapes.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to provide for suitable fire-escapes for manufacturing and mechanical establishments, reported that the bill and resolve ought not to pass; and they were severally placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow, on the question of rejection.

State of Maine.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the resolve to authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the state of Maine; and

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend 200,000 dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes, severally reported that the bill and resolve ought to pass; and they were ordered to a second reading.

Papers from the House.

Board of Agriculture.

A resolve relative to printing additional copies of the report of the Board of Agriculture was read and referred to the committee on Printing.

Berkeley Street.

A bill to provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A resolve relative to the claims of Charles Burleigh was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury. C. Burleigh.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize Thomas Gilbert to extend his wharf in Marblehead was read a second time and ordered to a third reading. T. Gilbert.

The bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grades, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Water supply for certain cities and towns.

Subsequently, Mr. Morse moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby said bill passed to be engrossed; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The bill regulating elections in the city of Boston was next considered, the question being on the rejection of the same, and the vote being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative. Elections in the city of Boston.

Subsequently, the vote was reconsidered under a suspension of the rule, and the bill was read a second time.

Mr. Jacobs proposed a substitute therefor, which was rejected, and the bill was refused a third reading.

The bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads was further considered, and the amendments proposed thereto by Mr. Wallace were rejected. Railroads.

The bill was then amended, on motion of Mr. Torrey, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Paper from the House.

The Senate bill to incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company, came up concurred with certain amendments, the first of which, proposed in section 13, was adopted, and pending the consideration of that proposed as a new section, the bill was laid on the table. Fall River Banking & Trust Co.

Subsequently, the above-named bill was taken up and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

An engrossed bill to amend an act in relation to the capital stock of gas corporations (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval. Gas corporations.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 4, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

*Papers from the House.*Fifth Light
Battery.

A bill to supply the Fifth Light Battery with a safe and serviceable armament was read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs in concurrence.

Taxation.

Ordered, In concurrence, that the Tax Commissioner report in print to the next Legislature, a statement of the classes and amount of assets or property held by business corporations which are not now subject to taxation under any general law of the Commonwealth, with such recommendations as the facts may require.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To authorize towns to appropriate money for headstones or other monuments at the graves of deceased soldiers and sailors.

To amend an act to provide for the regulation and inspection of buildings, the more effectual prevention of fire and the better preservation of life and property in Boston.

In addition to an act making appropriations authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

Relating to the election of overseers of the poor in the city of Cambridge.

Worcester
Lunatic
Hospital.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the Worcester Lunatic Hospital (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Elections in
the city of
Boston.

On motion of Mr. Banister, the vote whereby the bill regulating elections in the city of Boston was refused a third reading was reconsidered, and thereupon the same senator proposed a substitute therefor, which was rejected; and the question then recurring on ordering said bill to a third reading, it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Thompson,	Todd,
Whittle,	Woods.—5.	
NAYS.—Messrs. Baker,	Baird,	Bancroft,
Carpenter,	Clark,	Coe,
Dwellely,	French,	Fuller,
Griffin,	Griggs,	Harmon,

NAYS.—Messrs. Jacobs, Johnson, N. L., Johnson, R.,
 Learnard, Merrill, Morse,
 Nye, Packard, Parsons,
 Potter, Stickney, Torrey,
 Washburn, Woodwell.—26.

So the bill was again refused a third reading.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to provide for a commission on the subject of grades, streets, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns, was passed to be engrossed was carried in the affirmative.

Water supply, &c., for certain cities and towns.

The bill was then amended by striking out the fourth section thereof, and thereupon rejected.

The bill to provide for suitable fire-escapes for manufacturing and mechanical establishments ; and

Fire-escapes.

The resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County for money expended in the construction of a road, were severally, in accordance with the report of the several committees thereon, rejected.

Dukes Co. treasury of.

The resolve to authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the state of Maine was read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

State of Maine.

The Senate bill to authorize Thomas Gilbert to extend his wharf in Marblehead was read a third time and passed to be engrossed.

T. Gilbert.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend 200,000 dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches and for other purposes, was read a second time.

Hoosac Tunnel.

Mr. Carpenter proposed as a substitute for the same, a bill to incorporate the Boston and North-Western Railroad Company and to provide for the operation and management of the Hoosac Tunnel, and for other purposes.

Mr. Baker proposed as an amendment to the bill proposed by Mr. Carpenter, a bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad ; and the amendment being accepted by Mr. Carpenter, debate was had thereon, but without action the Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of the morning session was read.

Papers from the House.

State prison inspectors. A resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Poor debtors. A bill concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Fall River. The Senate bill in addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water, came up referred to the committee on Water Supply and Drainage; and the Senate concurred in the reference.

Eastern R. R. Co. and Boston & Maine R. R. A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill to authorize the consolidation of the Eastern Railroad Company and the Boston and Maine Railroad had been rejected by that branch.

C. Burleigh. Mr. Whittle, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the House resolve relative to the claim of Charles Burleigh without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Subsequently, the same was, under a suspension of the rule, recommended.

Dukes Co., treasury of. Mr. Nye moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County for money expended in the construction of a road was rejected; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Banister,	Carpenter,	Dwellely,
Giles,	Harmon,	Jacobs,
Johnson, N. L.,	Johnson, R.,	Morse,
Nye,	Packard,	Parsons,
Potter,	Todd,	Wallace,
Washburn,	Woods,	Woodwell.—21.
NAYS. —Messrs. Clark,	Coe,	French,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Learnard,
Stickney,	Thompson,	Torrey,
Whittle,	Wright.—11.	

So the vote was reconsidered.

Hoosac Tunnel.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the bill to authorize the

Governor and Council to expend 200,000 dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes, the question being on the substitute proposed therefor by Mr. Carpenter ; and after further debate, said question was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Carpenter,	Dwellely,	Griggs,
Jacobs,	Johnson, N. L.,	Lobdell,
Morse,	Nye,	Parsons,
Potter,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Woods,	Woodwell,	Wright.—18.

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
Coe,	French,	Fuller,
Giles,	Griffin,	Harmon,
Johnson, R.,	Packard,	Todd,
Torrey,	Wallace,	Whittle,
Washburn.—16.		

So the substitute was adopted and ordered to a second reading.

The bill to incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company was next considered, and the Senate non-concurred in the amendments proposed thereto by the House, and the bill was returned to that branch.

The House resolve to authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the state of Maine was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

An engrossed bill concerning the compensation of the police commissioners (which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted.

An engrossed resolve in favor of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy (which originated in the Senate) passed, and with the above-named bill was laid before the Governor for his approval.

The report of the committee on Prisons was taken from the table and accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 5, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of the afternoon session of yesterday was read.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (both of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

To authorize the raising of the grade of certain lands in the city of Boston for the purpose of preserving the public health of said city.

Authorizing the taking of land for the purposes of a state prison.

Museum of Comparative Zoology, report of.

A communication was received from Hon. Martin Brimmer, transmitting the annual report of the director of the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy ; and the same was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Hoosac Tunnel.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel was read a second time.

Mr. Washburn moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby said bill was yesterday substituted for the bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend 200,000 dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches and for other purposes ; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Coe,
French,	Fuller,	Giles,
Harmon,	Johnson, R.,	Merrill,
Packard,	Todd,	Torrey,
Wallace,	Washburn,	Whittle,
Woodwell.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Carpenter,	Dwellely,	Griggs,
Jacobs,	Lawrence,	Lobdell,
Nye,	Parsons,	Potter,
Stickney,	Thompson,	Woods,
Wright.—16.		

The President voting in the affirmative, the vote was reconsidered.

The question then recurring on adopting the substitute proposed by Mr. Carpenter, it was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Carpenter,	Dwellely,	Griggs,

YEAS.—Messrs. Jacobs,	Lawrence,	Lobdell,
Morse,	Nye,	Parsons,
Stickney,	Thompson,	Woods.
Woodwell.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Coe,
French,	Fuller,	Giles,
Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,	Johnson, R.,
Packard,	Todd,	Torrey,
Wallace,	Washburn,	Whittle.—15.

The President voting in the negative the substitute was rejected.

And the question then being on ordering the bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend 200,000 dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches to a third reading, Mr. Harmon moved to amend the bill by striking therefrom the words "two hundred thousand dollars," and inserting in place thereof, the words "five hundred thousand dollars."

Mr. Carpenter moved to amend the bill by striking out the same and inserting instead thereof, the words "one million dollars"; and the question on the latter amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Carpenter,	Griggs,	Jacobs,
Johnson, N. L.,	Lawrence,	Lobdell,
Morse,	Nye,	Parsons,
Potter,	Thompson,	Woods,
Wright.—16.		

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Clark,	Coe,
Dwellely,	French,	Fuller,
Giles,	Harmon,	Johnson, R.,
Learnard,	Packard,	Stickney,
Todd,	Torrey,	Wallace,
Washburn,	Whittle,	Woodwell.—18.

So the amendment was rejected.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. Harmon, and it was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Baker,	Bancroft,
Carpenter,	Clark,	Dwellely,
French,	Giles,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, N. L.,	Johnson, R.,
Lawrence,	Learnard,	Lobdell,
Merrill,	Nye,	Packard,
Parsons,	Potter,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Wallace,	Washburn,
Woodwell,	Wright.—26.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister, Coe, Fuller,
Griggs, Todd, Torrey,
Whittle, Woods.—8.

So the amendment was adopted, and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of the morning session was read.

Board of
Agricul-
ture.

Mr. Banister, from the committee on Printing, reported the resolve relative to printing additional copies of the report of the Board of Agriculture without amendment; and the same was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Poor debt-
ors.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, submitted a similar report on the bill concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

State
prison in-
spectors.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

State Nor-
mal Art
School.

Mr. Washburn, on leave, introduced a resolve assigning rooms for the State Normal Art School, and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Papers from the House.

Resolves.

Resolves,

In favor of Henry F. Hale;

In favor of Alfred Bradbury, were severally read and referred to the committee on Military Affairs, in concurrence.

Bills.

Bills,

To provide for the discontinuance of the grade crossings of railroads in Somerville, Boston and Charlestown (on an order in relation to the subject);

In relation to connecting railroads, (substituted in the House for Senate report on the subject), were severally read and ordered to a second reading.

A bill relating to certiorari and mandamus was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Framingham was read and ordered to a second reading.

Boston,
Clinton and
Fitchburg
R.R. Co.

The Senate bill to authorize Thomas Gilbert to extend his wharf in Marblehead came up referred to the committee on Harbors; and the Senate non-concurred in the reference, and the bill was returned to the House:

T. Gilbert.

The House bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads, came up concurred in the first amendment proposed by the Senate, in section 3, and non-concurred in those proposed in sections 5 and 6, and also in the second amendment proposed in section 3; and the Senate insisted on its amendments, and the bill was returned to the House.

Railroads.

A report of the joint special committee appointed to inquire and report if any alteration had been made by any person or persons, without authority, in the act in relation to the smelt fishery, during its passage through the two branches, the same being that such alteration had been made, but in good faith, was read and laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Smelt fish-
ery.

Notice was received from the House that the bill to prevent the spreading of contagious disease had been rejected by that branch.

Contagious
disease.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize Leonard Brightman to construct a wharf in Fall River; and the same, under a suspension of the rule, was read and ordered to a second reading.

Leonard
Brightman.

On motion of Mr. Merrill,—

Ordered, That 5,000 copies of the speech of Senator Carpenter on the bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County for money expended in the construction of a road was read a second time, and the question on ordering the same to a third reading was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

Treasury of
Dukes Co.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,
Brown,

Baker,
Carpenter,

Bancroft,
Dweller,

YEAS.—Messrs. French,
Johnson, N. L.,
Merrill,
Potter,
Woodwell.—19.

Giles,
Lawrence,
Morse,
Wallace,
Harmon,
Lobdell,
Nye,
Washburn,

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,
Griffin,
Johnson, R.,
Parsons,
Todd,
Woods,

Coe,
Griggs,
Learnard,
Stickney,
Torrey,
Wright.—17.

Fuller,
Jacobs,
Packard,
Thompson,
Whittle,

So the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

The bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend 200,000 dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes, was read a third time.

Mr. Carpenter proposed to amend the bill by substituting therefor the first nine sections and the nineteenth section of the bill to incorporate the state board of trustees of the Hoosac Tunnel Railroad; and the question on the adoption of this amendment was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,
Carpenter,
Morse,

Baker,
Griggs,
Nye,
Bancroft,
Lobdell,
Thompson.—9.

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,
Coe,
Fuller,
Harmon,
Johnson, R.,
Merrill,
Stickney,
Wallace,
Woods,

Brown,
Dwellely,
Giles,
Jacobs,
Lawrence,
Packard,
Todd,
Washburn,
Woodwell,
Clark,
French,
Griffin,
Johnson, N. L.,
Learnard,
Parsons,
Torrey,
Whittle,
Wright.—26.

So the amendment was rejected, and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

Bills enacted.

The following engrossed bills (all of which originated in the House) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation.

In relation to the compensation of auditors.

In relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors.

Concerning fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths.

State
prison
lands.

An engrossed resolve to provide for the payment of expenses under the act to provide for establishing the bound-

ary lines of the state prison lands (which originated in the House) passed.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, June 6, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday afternoon was read.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the House bill to provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading. Berkeley St.

Mr. Woods, from the committee on Agriculture, on the annual report of the trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and the report being considered, under a suspension of the rule, was accepted. Mass. Agricultural College.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Baker, from the committee on Railways, on the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes, reported that the same ought to pass with certain amendments; and the bill was placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon. Eastern R.R. Co.

Mr. Whittle, on leave, introduced a bill to allow the Second Congregational Society of Marblehead to purchase and hold real estate; and the same was read under a suspension of the rule, and ordered to a second reading. Second Congregational Society of Marblehead.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, in relation to certain amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill relating to the taxation of incomes, reported, recommending that the Senate concur in the amendment proposed by the House to that of the Senate at (A), and that the Senate recede from the amendment at (B); and report was read and placed in the orders of the day for this afternoon. Taxation of incomes.

The bill in relation to the smelt fishery was taken from the table, and the Senate concurred in the amendment inserting the words "section one of," and non-concurred in the amendment striking out the words "during the time, and in the manner a person may lawfully fish," and insert- Smelt fishery.

ing instead thereof, the words, "while lawfully fishing," and the bill was returned to the House.

Berkeley
Street.

The bill to provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Papers from the House.

State tax.

A bill to apportion and assess a state tax of two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

Bills.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bills,
To authorize Leonard Brightman to construct a wharf in Fall River ;

To authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Framingham ;

Concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors ;

To provide for the discontinuance of the grade crossing of railroads in Somerville, Charlestown and Boston, were severally read a second time and ordered to a third reading.

The bill in relation to connecting railroads was laid on the table.

State
prison in-
spectors.

The resolve in favor of the state prison inspectors was read a second time and refused a third reading.

Treasury of
Dukes Co.

The House resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County was read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills laid
before the
Governor.

The following enacted bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

To authorize the town of Newton to aid the Newton Cemetery Corporation.

In relation to the compensation of auditors.

In relation to the oath for the relief of poor debtors.

Concerning the fees of town clerks for obtaining and recording the facts relating to deaths.

Cambridge.

An engrossed bill to amend the charter of the city of Cambridge (which originated in the House), passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The journal of the morning session was read.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill relating to certiorari and mandamus, reported that the same ought to pass with an amendment; and the bill was read twice under a suspension of the rule, amended as proposed by the committee, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendment, which was sent down for concurrence.

Certiorari
and man-
damus.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the bill to incorporate the Springfield Banking and Trust Company, reported that the same ought to pass in a new draft; and the bill was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Springfield
Banking &
Trust Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Mr. Giles, on leave, introduced a bill authorizing the harbor commissioners to modify the harbor lines in Gloucester harbor; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Gloucester
Harbor.

Sent down for concurrence.

Papers from the House.

A bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to mortgage its property was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Boston,
Barre and
Gardner
R.R. Corpo-
ration.

The bill to authorize the Governor and Council to expend 200,000 dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes, came up non-concurred in the Senate amendments proposed therein; and the Senate receded therefrom.

Hoosac
Tunnel.

A resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes (on the petition of the same) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Elihu S.
Hawkes.

The House bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who furnish materials in and for the construction of railroads came up, and the House insists on its non-concurrence in the Senate amendments therein; and the Senate insisted on its amendments, and Messrs. Torrey, Harmon and Wright were appointed a committee

Railroads.

of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up, and Messrs. Soule of Springfield, Ely of Dedham and Hammond of Cambridge are appointed on the part of the House.

State tax.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the bill to apportion and assess a state tax of two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars without amendment; and the same was ordered to a second reading.

Salaries of certain state officers.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on Expenditures, on the order in relation to the subject, reported

A bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers; and the same was read and ordered to a second reading.

Mr. Johnson of Worcester, from the committee on Claims on the petitions of

J. Willard Rice and others;

Jubal Howe;

Jesse Tirrell, and

Mrs. M. H. Severance, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw; and these reports were, under a suspension of the rule, accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Second Congregational Society of Marblehead.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize the Second Congregational Society in Marblehead to purchase and hold real estate was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Eastern R. R. Co.

The bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes was further considered, and the amendments proposed thereto by the committee were adopted.

The bill was further amended, on motion of Mr. Lawrence, and the question on ordering the same to be engrossed was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Banister,	Brown,
Clark,	Coe,	French,
Fuller,	Giles,	Johnson, R.,
Learnard,	Lobdell,	Merrill,
Packard,	Stickney,	Todd,
Washburn,	Whittle,	Woodwell.—18.

NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft, Carpenter, Dwelley,
 Griggs, Harmon, Johnson, N. L.,
 Lawrence, Parsons, Potter,
 Thompson, Torrey, Woods.—12.

So the bill passed to be engrossed.

Subsequently, Mr. Torrey moved a reconsideration of the vote by which said bill passed to be engrossed; and the motion was placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill relating to the taxation of incomes was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The Senate bill to authorize Leonard Brightman to construct a wharf in Fall River was read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

The House bills,
 To authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Framingham;
 Concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors;
 To provide for the discontinuance of the grade crossing of railroads in Somerville, Charlestown and Boston, were severally read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the House) passed, and were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

Relative to printing additional copies of the report of the State Board of Agriculture.

To authorize the transfer of certain books and papers to the state of Maine.

The resolve to provide for the payment of expenses under the act for establishing the boundary lines of the state prison lands (which originated in the House) was laid before the Governor for his approval.

The Senate bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth, came up concurred with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, June 7, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Smelt fish-
ery.

The bill in relation to the smelt fishery came up, and the House insists on its amendment at (A) therein; and thereupon the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence, and Messrs. Brown, Woodwell and Merrill were appointed a committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

Elections in
cities.

A communication was received from the Clerk of the House, announcing that the Senate bill to prevent frauds at elections in cities had been rejected by that branch.

On motion of Mr. Lobdell,—

Pay-roll.

Ordered, That the Clerk be directed to make up the pay-roll for the present session.

Boston,
Barre and
Gardner
R.R. Corpo-
ration.

An engrossed bill to authorize the Boston, Barre and Gardner Railroad Corporation to mortgage its property (which originated in the House) passed to be enacted and was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Railroads.

Mr. Torrey, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill to give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads, reported, recommending that the House concur in the Senate amendment at (B) with an amendment, inserting after the word "which," therein, the words "any of"; also that the Senate recede from its amendments at (C and D.)

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

C. Burleigh.

Mr. Stickney, from the committee on the Treasury, on the resolve relative to the claim of Charles Burleigh reported the same in a new draft; and the resolve was read and ordered to a second reading,

Treasurers
of savings
banks.

The same senator, from the committee on Banks and Banking, on the order relative to prohibiting treasurers of savings banks from acting as cashiers of banks of discount, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and said report was accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on Claims, on the pe- Reports.
titions of

Susan T. Chandler;

Ira Litchfield;

George G. Tarbell, and

Rachel Blanchard, reported that the several petitioners have leave to withdraw; and these reports were severally accepted, under a suspension of the rule.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The report of the special committee appointed to inquire if any alteration had been made in the bill in relation to the smelt fishery, during its passage through the Legislature was taken from the table and accepted in concurrence. Smelt fish-
ery.

The House bill in relation to connecting railroads was taken from the table and ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence. Connecting
railroads.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the first matter therein being the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charles-town and for other purposes passed to be engrossed, the question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:— Eastern R.
R. Co.

YEAS.—Messrs. Baker,	Bancroft,	Carpenter,
Dwellely,	Harmon,	Morse,
Nye,	Parsons,	Potter,
Thompson,	Torrey.—11.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
Coe,	French,	Fuller,
Giles,	Johnson, R.,	Lernard,
Loddell,	Stickney,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Woodwell.—14.	

So the Senate refused to reconsider, and the bill was sent down for concurrence.

The Senate bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers was read a second time and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time, amended and passed to be engrossed. State offi-
cers, sala-
ries of.

Sent down for concurrence.

**Elihu S.
Hawkes.**

The Senate resolve in favor of Elihu S. Hawkes was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

State tax.

The House bill to apportion and assess a state tax of two million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills enacted.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company.

To authorize the Governor and Council to expend two hundred thousand dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes.

To provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston.

To prevent the defacement of natural scenery, and for other purposes.

Adjournment.

On motion, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourn, it be to meet on Monday next at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

MONDAY, June 9, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of Saturday was read.

**Bills laid
before the
Governor.**

The following engrossed bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To incorporate the Fall River Banking and Trust Company.

To authorize the Governor and Council to expend two hundred thousand dollars in completing the Hoosac Tunnel and its approaches, and for other purposes.

To provide for the conveyance of Berkeley Street to the city of Boston.

To prevent the defacement of natural scenery, and for other purposes.

Papers from the House.

**Brookline,
Brighton &**

A bill to amend chapter 290, chapter 303 and chapter

314 of the acts of the year 1873 was admitted in concurrence, under a suspension of the 19th joint rule.

West Roxbury, annexation of, to Boston. District courts.

A bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the resolve relative to the claim of Charles Burleigh was read twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

C. Burleigh.

Sent down for concurrence.

A bill from the House, to authorize a change in the harbor lines in Gloucester Harbor (in a new draft of the Senate bill relative to the subject) was read and ordered to a second reading.

Gloucester Harbor.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 10, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Parsons, from the committee on the State House, on the order in relation to the room now occupied by the insurance department, reported that the same ought to be adopted; and the report was accepted and the order adopted.

Insurance department.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee on Harbors, on the annual report of the Harbor Commissioners, reported that further legislation is unnecessary thereon; and the report was read and accepted under a suspension of the rule.

Report of harbor commissioners.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Brown, from the committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses on the bill in relation to the smelt fishery, reported that they had been unable to agree, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and said report was accepted, and Messrs. French, Giles and Banister were appointed a new committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses.

Smelt fishery.

District
courts of E.
Hampden.

Mr. Packard presented remonstrances of H. A. McFarland and others ; and Franklin Morgan and others, severally against the repeal of the act establishing the district court of Eastern Hampden.

Laid on the table.

Papers from the House.

Resolves.

Resolves,

To supply the Fifth Light Battery with useful and serviceable armament ;

In favor of Alfred Bradbury ; and

In favor of Henry F. Hale, were severally read and referred to the committee on the Treasury.

West Rox-
bury,
Brookline &
Brighton,
annexation
of to the
city of Bos-
ton.

A bill to amend the several acts of the present year for the annexation of West Roxbury, Brookline and Brighton to the city of Boston was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Leonard
Brightman.

A bill to authorize Leonard Brightman to construct a wharf in Fall River (in a new draft) was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

A bill to provide a clerk for the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Reports.

Reports of the committee on Claims, granting leave to withdraw, on the petitions of

E. B. Ball ;

Edward E. Austin ;

William Braydon ;

I. Franklin Fuller ;

D. W. Salisbury, and

William H. Dutton, were severally accepted in concurrence, under a suspension of the rule.

Gloucester
Harbor.

The orders of the day were taken up, and the bill to authorize a change in the harbor lines in Gloucester Harbor was read twice under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Paper from the House.

Divorce.

A bill to prevent fraud in procuring divorce, and to amend the law in relation thereto was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Jacobs, on leave, introduced a bill in addition to an act in relation to the fire department of the city of Boston ; and the same was read and referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Fire department of Boston.

The Senate bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes, came up concurred with certain amendments, which were adopted in concurrence. Eastern R. Co.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth, reported that the same ought to pass with certain amendments ; and the bill was read a second time, amended as proposed by the committee, further amended on the motions severally of Messrs. Potter, Clark, Whittle, Morse, Nye, Johnson of Worcester, and Brown, and pending the consideration of a further amendment proposed by Mr. Merrill, Mr. Bancroft proposed a substitute for the bill, and thereupon the whole subject was laid on the table. District courts.

An engrossed bill to provide for the investment of compensation funds for harbors of the Commonwealth (which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted. Harbors of the Commonwealth.

An engrossed resolve to reimburse the treasury of Dukes County (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bill, was laid before the Governor for his approval. Treasury of Dukes Co.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of the morning session was read.

Mr. Learnard, from the committee on the Treasury, reported the resolves, Resolves.

In favor of Henry F. Hale ;

In favor of Alfred Bradbury ;

To supply the Fifth Light Battery with a safe and serviceable armament, without amendment.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, submitted a similar report on the bill to provide a clerk for the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston ; and the bill and resolves were severally read Municipal court for the Dorchester district of Boston, clerk for.

twice, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Eastern R.
R. Co.

A message was received from the House, announcing that that branch had reconsidered its vote passing the bill to authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take freight lands in Charlestown, and for other purposes, to be engrossed, and had further amended said bill and sent the same up for the consideration of the Senate; and the Senate concurred in the amendment of the House.

Fire depart-
ment of
Boston.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill in addition to an act relating to the fire department of the city of Boston, reported the same in a new draft; and it was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Divorce.

Mr. Harmon, from the committee on the Judiciary, reported the bill to prevent frauds in procuring divorce, and to amend the law in relation thereto, without amendment; and the same was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence, by the following vote, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Bancroft,	Banister,
Brown,	Clark,	Dwellely,
French,	Harmon,	Jacobs,
Johnson, N. L.,	Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,
Packard,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Todd,	Woodwell.— 17.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Coe,	Fuller,	Giles,
Griggs,	Learnard,	Morse,
Parsons,	Potter,	Washburn,
Woods,	Wright.—11.	

Committee
rooms in the
state house.

A report of the committee on the State House, on the order relative to enlarging the windows in the several committee rooms, the same being that legislation is unnecessary thereon, was accepted in concurrence.

District
courts.

The bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth was further considered, the question being on the substitute proposed therefor by Mr. Bancroft; and said question was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Baird,	Bancroft,	Coe,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Lawrence,
Learnard,	Packard,	Woodwell.—9.

NAYS. —Messrs. Banister,	Brown, .	Clark,
Dwellely,	French,	Harmon,
Jacobs,	Johnson, R.,	Parsons,
Potter,	Stickney,	Thompson,
Todd,	Washburn,	Whittle,
Woods,	Wright.—17.	

So the substitute was rejected.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the following amendment proposed by Mr. Merrill, to wit :—

Strike out of section 4, the following :—

"Section twenty-three of chapter two of the General Statutes shall not apply to any officer to be appointed under the provisions of this act." The question thereon was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baird,	Bancroft,	Dwellely,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Johnson, N. L.,
Learnard,	Morse,	Packard,
Parsons,	Thompson,	Woods,
Woodwell,	Wright.—14.	

NAYS. —Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
French,	Harmon,	Jacobs,
Johnson, R.,	Lawrence,	Potter,
Stickney,	Todd,	Washburn,
Whittle.—13.		

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Fuller moved that said bill be referred to the next general court ; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Baird,	Bancroft,	Dwellely,
Fuller,	Griggs,	Lawrence,
Learnard,	Packard,	Parsons,
Woodwell.—10.		

NAYS. —Messrs. Brown,	Clark,	French,
Harmon,	Jacobs,	Johnson, N. L.,
Johnson, R.,	Potter,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Todd,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Woods,	Wright.—15.

So the Senate refused to refer the bill to the next general court.

The same was then further amended and laid on the table.

Mr. Banister, on leave, introduced a bill to establish the salaries of the watchmen of the state house ; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Watchmen
of the state
house.

Sent down for concurrence.

C. Burleigh. A communication was received from the Clerk of the House announcing that the resolve relative to the claim of Charles Burleigh had been rejected by that branch.

Bills enacted.

The following engrossed bills (the first three of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—

To authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Framingham.

To authorize the Second Congregational Society in Marblehead to purchase and hold real estate.

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water.

Concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors.

Relating to certiorari and mandamus.

Relating to the taxation of incomes.

In relation to connecting railroads.

To provide for the discontinuance of the grade crossings of railroads in Somerville, Charlestown and Boston.

To give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads.

State Normal Art School.

The following engrossed resolves (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed, to wit:—

Assigning rooms for the State Normal Art School.

Elihu S. Hawkes.

In favor of Elihu S. Hawkes.

Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, June 11, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Bills laid before the Governor.

The following enacted bills were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit:—

To authorize the Boston, Clinton and Fitchburg Railroad Company to build a branch railroad in Framingham.

To authorize the Second Congregational Society in Marblehead to purchase and hold real estate.

In addition to an act for supplying the city of Fall River with pure water.

Concerning the arrest and discharge of poor debtors.

Relating to certiorari and mandamus.

Relating to the taxation of incomes.

In relation to connecting railroads.

To provide for the discontinuance of the grade crossings of railroads in Somerville, Charlestown and Boston.

To give a right of action against owners of railroads to persons who perform labor or furnish materials in and for the construction of said roads.

Also, a resolve assigning rooms for the State Normal Art School.

State Normal Art School.

Mr. Merrill, on leave, introduced a bill to authorize the appointment of two additional masters in chancery for the county of Suffolk; and the same was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Masters in chancery for Suffolk Co.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

Mr. Stickney, on leave, introduced a resolve increasing the compensation of the private secretary of the Governor and fixing the compensation of the Assistant Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Assistant clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Sent down for concurrence.

The bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers came up, and the House insists on its amendment striking out section 5; and the Senate insisted on its non-concurrence, and Messrs. Potter, Woods and Whittle were appointed a committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses.

Salaries of certain state officers.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred, and Messrs. Blake of Milford, Bowker of Boston and Berdge of Lynn are appointed on the part of the House.

Mr. French, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill in relation to the taking of smelts, reported, recommending that the House recede from its amendment at (A) in said bill; and the report was accepted.

Smelt fishery.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

The bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities, came up concurred (the vote by which the same was rejected having been reconsidered in the House) with certain amendments, all of which in section one were adopted in concurrence, with the exception of that proposing to strike out

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the words, "shall be of different political parties and," in which the Senate non-concurred.

Pending the consideration of further amendments, to add three new sections, the bill was laid on the table and the amendments ordered to be printed.

District
courts.

The bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth was taken from the table and further amended.

Mr. Harmon moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the amendment proposed yesterday by Mr. Merrill was adopted; and the question on this motion was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
French,	Harmon,	Johnson, R.,
Stickney,	Todd,	Wallace,
Washburn,	Whittle.—11.	

NAYS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Fuller,	Griggs,
Johnson, N. L.,	Lawrence,	Merrill,
Morse,	Nye,	Packard,
Parsons,	Potter,	Thompson,
Woodwell.—13.		

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Merrill moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Dwellely,	Fuller,
Griggs,	Lawrence,	Merrill,
Nye,	Packard,	Parsons,
Todd,	Woods,	Woodwell.—12.

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
French,	Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,
Johnson, R.,	Potter,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Wallace,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Wright.—14.	

So the Senate refused to indefinitely postpone the bill.

Mr. Fuller moved that the bill be referred to the next general court; and the question on this motion was determined as follows, to wit:—

YEAS.—Messrs. Bancroft,	Dwellely,	Fuller,
Griggs,	Lawrence,	Merrill,
Nye,	Packard,	Parsons,
Todd,	Woods,	Woodwell.—12.

NAYS.—Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
French,	Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,
Johnson, R.,	Potter,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Wallace,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Wright.—14.	

So the motion was lost.

The question then recurring on ordering said bill to a third reading, it was taken by yeas and nays, as follows, to wit :—

YEAS. —Messrs. Banister,	Brown,	Clark,
French,	Harmon,	Johnson, N. L.,
Johnson, R.,	Potter,	Stickney,
Thompson,	Wallace,	Washburn,
Whittle,	Wright.—14.	
NAYS. —Messrs. Bancroft,	Dwellely,	Fuller,
Griggs,	Lawrence,	Merrill,
Nye,	Parsons,	Todd,
Woods,	Woodwell.—11.	

So the bill was ordered to a third reading, and, under a suspension of the rule, read a third time and passed to be engrossed in concurrence with the amendments, which were sent down for concurrence.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

To authorize the Eastern Railroad Company to construct a freight track and take lands for freight purposes in Charlestown, and for other purposes.

To authorize Leonard Brightman to construct a wharf in Fall River.

To authorize a change in the harbor lines in Gloucester Harbor.

To amend the several acts of the present year for the annexation of West Roxbury, Brookline and Brighton to the city of Boston.

To provide a clerk for the municipal court of the Dorchester district of the city of Boston.

An engrossed resolve in favor of Alfred Bradbury (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

On motion, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it be to meet to-morrow at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of the morning session was read.

The Senate bill to establish the salaries of the watchmen of the state house, came up concurred with an amendment, which was adopted in concurrence.

Fire department of the city of Boston.

A bill in addition to an act relating to the fire department of the city of Boston (new draft of Senate bill); and

Building for state purposes in Pemberton Square.

A resolve to authorize certain expenditures in connection with the building in Pemberton Square leased by the state, were severally read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

District courts.

The House bill to establish district courts in the several counties of the Commonwealth, came up non-concurred in the amendments proposed thereto by the Senate, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Sanger of Cambridge and Bacon of Lawrence are appointed a committee of conference in relation thereto.

Thereupon, the Senate insisted on its amendments, and Messrs. Brown, Harmon and Banister were appointed a committee of conference on the part of the Senate.

Salaries of certain officers.

The bill establishing the salaries of certain officers came up in a new draft; and the same was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Probate court in the county of Suffolk.

Mr. Merrill, on leave, introduced a bill for fixing the time and place for holding the probate court in the county of Suffolk; and the same was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Elections in cities.

The bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities was taken from the table, and the Senate concurred in the amendments proposed as sections 6 and 7, and non-concurred in that proposed as section 5; also in that proposed at (E), and the bill was returned to the House.

Salaries of certain state officers and employés.

Mr. Potter, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, on the bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers and employés, reported, asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, the committee having been unable to agree.

And the report was accepted, and Messrs. Jacobs, Dwelley and Morse were appointed a new committee of conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two houses.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred, and Messrs. Sanger of Cambridge, McDaniel of Cambridge and Sawtelle of New Bedford are appointed on the part of the House.

The following engrossed bills (the first four of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit :—

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

For the better protection of neglected and destitute children.

To incorporate the Springfield Banking and Trust Company.

In addition to an act in relation to the smelt fishery.

To authorize the appointment of two additional masters in chancery for Suffolk County.

To apportion and assess a state tax of \$2,250,000.

To prevent fraud in procuring divorce and to amend the law in relation thereto.

The following engrossed resolves (both of which originated in the Senate) passed, and with the above-named bills, were laid before the Governor for his approval, to wit :—

Resolves passed and laid before the Governor.

In favor of Henry F. Hale.

To supply the Fifth Light Battery with a safe and serviceable armament.

Mr. Jacobs (Mr. Learnard in the chair) presented the following resolutions, which were read and unanimously adopted :—

Resolution of thanks to the President.

Resolved, That the hearty acknowledgments of the Senate are due to their President, the Hon. George B. Loring, for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over their deliberations, and for the graceful courtesy he has invariably shown to the members in his official capacity.

Resolved, That while the Senate congratulates him upon the efficiency with which he has discharged the duties of the Chair, duties always arduous, oftentimes perplexing, and frequently involving a sacrifice of personal feeling and preference, they cordially wish for him a like success in whatever position of public trust and responsibility he may be called hereafter to fill by the people of the Commonwealth.

The President resuming the Chair, repounded as follows :—

President.

SENATORS :—I am indeed gratified by the kind expressions contained in the resolves which you have just passed, and I beg you to accept my thanks for the generous courtesy which prompted them. The relations which have existed between us for the last few months I shall always remember with keen interest and satisfaction. I cannot

forget the unanimity with which you called me to this position, nor the liberal and considerate manner in which you have steadily accepted my endeavors to discharge the duty you imposed upon me. The position of presiding officer of a legislative body is by no means easy. The obligation which rests upon him, to forget his personal interest, to rise above his personal prejudices, to maintain his high level as the *justum et tenacem propositi virum*, to be "kindly affectioned" towards all who come under his rule, to sympathize with the disappointments of the vanquished and to moderate the exultation of the victors, demand the largest and best exercise of all his moral faculties; while the necessity under which he labors to hold his mind ready for the sudden emergency, to recall the official phrase, to present a proposition in such clear and well-defined form that no man can fail to comprehend it, to distinguish between that which is founded on mere routine and that which rests upon the broad principles of parliamentary law, summons continually his best intellectual powers to the work in which he is engaged. If I have discharged such service as this in a manner to secure your approval, I am amply rewarded for my endeavors. If I have discharged it so as to have secured your respect and esteem and confidence, I have done more than I had the courage to expect when I commenced my labors here. It seems hardly necessary that I should assure you of the agreeable associations I have experienced, and the valuable acquaintances I have made at this board; but I do trust that I have secured for myself in your mind and hearts the same recognition and esteem which you have secured in mine. Of you I can say that to whatever duty I have called you, that duty has been done well. Of myself I can say that I have endeavored to summon each one of you to such service as I considered him best fitted to perform, regarding only the interests of the Commonwealth. I have scrupulously avoided throwing the weight of my official position into either scale, when personal or private matters have been under consideration, and I have conscientiously and in accordance with my best judgment, expressed my preference, when necessary, upon questions of general interest and involving the honor or the prosperity of the state. For the patient hearing and the generous support you have given my argument, and for the friendly acquiescence with which my vote has been received by those of you to whose views it was in opposition, I desire to ex-

press my warmest thanks. It is a mark of confidence which I shall not forget. On more than one occasion during this session I have deemed it wise to rule upon questions brought before the Senate in a manner accordant with what I believed to be both good constitutional and parliamentary law, and with the best precedent—holding myself ready in all instances to accept a reversal if necessary, either by my own judgment or by the judgment of the other branch. The support you have given me on such occasions encourages me to believe that you will join me in any future endeavors to remove all obstacles to the modification of law and rule, in conformity with the opinions I have given. On the question of money bills upon which I took occasion to rule, early in the session, that whether of grant or supply, of revenue or expenditure, they should originate in either branch, in accordance with the machinery and the spirit of our government, I have not changed my views. The history of the formation of the Constitution of Massachusetts shows that the provision with regard to money bills originated from a vague idea that the same distinctions would exist between the two branches of our legislature as existed between the two bodies constituting the British parliament. The desire to establish a branch representing the wealth and aristocracy of the country, even in the days when the most sturdy blows were struck for civil equality, constitutes one of the most remarkable features of those early debates. Theophilus Parsons in Massachusetts, Gouverneur Morris in the federal convention, and in later days Mr. Webster and Judge Story in this very capitol, set forth the importance of such a branch of the Legislature as that to which I have alluded. This idea was evidently derived from the structure of the legislative branch of the government of Great Britain, and it is not surprising that with this idea the provision for revenue and expenditure there should naturally have found a place here. It was in the Constitution of Massachusetts that the provision was first incorporated—a provision that all money bills, bills of grant and supply, bills of revenue and expenditure, should originate in the House of Representatives. From the Constitution of Massachusetts it found its way into the Constitution of the United States; and in both instruments it recognizes, or was intended to recognize a difference in the origin and objects of the two branches of the Legislature. Against this theory and against this practice, everything in the state legis-

latures, at least, now militates. The two branches are considered co-equal and co-ordinate. Repeated legislation, early and late, and accepted opinions from several of my most distinguished predecessors, have fixed as a law, that appropriation bills may originate in either branch, and history teaches us that appropriation bills were considered money bills, as much as, or more than were revenue bills; the jealous care for the spending of money being even greater in the Commons, where the whole system originated, than the care for the raising of money.

It is well known, moreover, to every student of our legislative history, that numerous acts and resolves, reported by joint committees, whose right it is to report in either branch, providing for the raising of the money to be devoted to the appropriation, have originated in the Senate, and have passed without question as to their origin. I look upon the provision of the Constitution, as it now stands, qualified by the phrase which in specific terms confers on the Senate the right to amend and concur, as so near a nullity, that its removal would be in entire accordance with the spirit of our government, and with that custom and law which have already removed from its operation one-half of those bills which were included under it. When appropriation bills were removed from this provision, it seems to me that revenue bills were borne along with them. In the constitutions of a large majority of the states, in New York and Ohio, in Illinois, Tennessee, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Alabama, Florida, Nebraska, California, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut and others, it is provided, in some expressly, and in others by implication, that "any bills may originate in either House of the legislature, and all bills passed by one house may be amended by the other." This should be the case in Massachusetts; and I trust we shall ere long see our Constitution amended in this respect, so that it may entirely conform with the spirit of our legislation, and with that structure of our Legislature which has two equal and co-ordinate branches, to operate as a check and balance one upon the other, and each an immediate representation of the people. As one step in this direction, I trust that at an early day the rules and orders of the two branches will be so amended as to provide for a joint committee of Finance, in place of the inconvenient system of a committee on Finance in the House, and a committee on the Treasury in the Senate, which now ex-

ists. Every legislator knows the delays, and rivalries, and obstructions which grow out of the necessity of submitting to two independent committees, one in each branch, the same question. We complain of the length of our sessions, and we attribute it to inattention on the part of committees; to neglect on the part of the chairman of committees; to long hearings and long debates; but I am satisfied that the substitution of joint committees in all cases, on Finance, on the Judiciary as well, and on Probate and Chancery, will do much to facilitate legislation, will avoid complicated controversies, and will also do much to remove all jealousy between the two branches. I trust our successors will see that this is done. The Senate will undoubtedly remember the opinion I gave not many weeks ago, with regard to the retention of petitions, orders of inquiry and bills referred, by the Clerk, for the purpose of reconsideration. I stated then, that the best parliamentary law provided that such papers should pass at once to the committee to whom they were referred, and could not be a subject for reconsideration. The rule of the House is in conformity with this opinion; and I trust the 18th rule of the Senate will also be amended, as was the 26th rule of the House in 1862 and 1863, so that papers, such as I have alluded to, will find their destination at once in the Senate as they should and as they do in the House. And now, senators, our labors in this chamber are about to close. At the commencement of the session I endeavored to impress upon your minds the fundamental importance of the legislative branch of our government, and my conviction that whenever through weakness or corruption this should decay, our civil fabric would totter and fall. I thought then, and I think now, that honesty, fidelity and capacity are as essential to this service as are rapidity and active execution. I am sure there is no sphere in life in which mutual confidence and respect are so important as here, where duty can be faithfully performed only on a fair and through understanding. The best diplomacy is based on honesty—the best statesmanship is based on a candid avowal of one's faith and conviction and determination. Nowhere then, can the best instincts and the soundest faculties find so grand a field of labor as where the laws are made upon which an industrious, and educated, and moral community is to rest. I have witnessed with pleasure during my long service here, your faithful endeavors to be true to the best interests of

the Commonwealth, and to be considerate and just towards each other. For myself, I commenced my work with misgiving; but I shall leave it with the satisfaction of feeling that each senator at this board has learned to respect his associates, and that between myself and you there has grown up a bond which will never be broken—that bond which is created by courteous association in mutual labor, and which no difference of opinion can ever destroy. I could not sit here day after day without establishing between myself and each one of you, an intimacy which can no more be obliterated than can the pictures imprinted on our minds, in our constant and familiar walk. I cannot, hereafter, avoid rejoicing with you in your prosperity, and sympathizing with you in your adversity. And as we part now, not to meet again in this capacity, and on this spot, I beg you to carry with you to your homes my best wishes for the welfare and the happiness of yourselves and all whom you hold dear. And let us not forget those upon whose patience and fidelity we have all depended for our comfort and convenience, and the order of our business. It is hardly necessary to give expression again, to that sentiment so often uttered here, of regard and esteem for our faithful, and intelligent, and reliable Clerk. To him and his young and amiable assistant, and to the official corps who have borne our messages and guarded our doors with such alacrity and firmness, I extend for you and myself, our warmest benedictions, and our sincere desire that their lives may be long and prosperous. Thanking you once more for your kind approbation, I recall you to the closing labors of the session.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, June 12, 1873.

Met according to adjournment.

The journal of yesterday was read.

Salaries of
certain state
officers, &c.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee of conference, on the disagreement of the two houses in relation to the bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers and employes, reported, recommending that the House recede from its amendment striking out the fifth section thereof.

And the report was accepted.

Sent down for concurrence.

Subsequently, the report was returned from the House, and that branch non-concurs in the acceptance thereof, and appoints Messrs. Smith of Cambridge, Bailey of Charlestown and Sprague of Framingham a new committee of conference in relation thereto.

And the Senate concurred in the appointment of a new committee of conference, and Messrs. Morse, Thompson and Larnard were appointed said committee.

The bill to prevent fraud at elections in cities, came up, and the House recedes from its amendments at E and F and section 5. Elections in cities.

The following engrossed bills (the first of which originated in the Senate) passed be enacted, to wit :— Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

To establish the salaries of the watchmen of the state house.

Establishing the salaries of certain officers.

In addition to an act relating to the fire department of the city of Boston.

An engrossed resolve to authorize certain expenditures in connection with the building in Pemberton Square leased by the state, passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval. Buildings for state purposes in Pemberton Sq.

Mr. Washburn offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :— Resolution of thanks to the chaplain.

Resolved, That, before closing the work of the session, the Senate desires to tender to the chaplain, Rev. Edward Abbott, an expression of their esteem for him as a gentleman and a Christian minister. They will never forget his brief but impressive utterances, as day by day he has invoked for others the Divine blessing and benediction ; and they beg that he will accept their best wishes for whatever pertains to his future welfare and happiness.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate be requested to transmit to Mr. Abbott, a copy of this resolution.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Mr. Wright, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to establish the Second Middlesex District Court, reported that the same ought not to pass ; and the report was accepted and the bill accordingly rejected. Second Middlesex district court.

First district court of Essex County.

Mr. Loring, on leave (Mr. Coe in the Chair), introduced a bill to establish the First District Court of Essex County; and the same was read and referred to the next general court.

District court of Eastern Hampden.

Mr. Jacobs, from the committee on the Judiciary, on the bill to establish the District Court of Eastern Hampden, reported asking to be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the next general court; and the report, being considered, was accepted.

E. F. Stone et als.

Mr. Harmon, from the same committee, submitted a similar report on the petition of E. F. Stone and others; and the report was accepted, and the petition accordingly referred to the next general court.

The same senator, from the same committee, on the petitions of Henry Carter, Russell H. Conwell and the justice of the police court of Taunton, reported

Justices of certain courts, salaries of.

A bill relating to the salaries of the justice of the police court of Taunton, and the police courts of Somerville and Haverhill; and the same was read three times, under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

Salaries of certain state officers and employés.

The bill relating to the salaries of certain state officers and employés came up, and the third committee of conference having reported in the House their inability to agree, the House reconsidered its action on the report of the second committee of conference, and having accepted the report of said committee, there remained no disagreement of the two houses in relation thereto.

Appropriations.

A bill from the House, in further addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes, was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bureau of Statistics of Labor.

A resolve, from the House, relative to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor was read three times under a suspension of the rule, and passed to be engrossed in concurrence.

Bills enacted and laid before the Governor.

The following engrossed bills (the first two of which originated in the Senate) passed to be enacted, to wit:—
To prevent fraud at elections in cities.

In relation to the salaries of certain state officers and employés.

In further addition to an act making appropriations to meet certain expenditures authorized the present year, and for other purposes.

An engrossed resolve relative to the Bureau of Statistics of Labor (which originated in the House) passed, and with the above-named bills, was laid before the Governor for his approval.

Bureau of
Statistics of
Labor.

Mr. Harmon offered the following resolution, which was read and adopted :—

Resolution
of thanks to
the Clerk.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be presented to the honored Clerk of this body for his uniform kindness and urbanity in his intercourse with senators and all men ; for his fidelity and devotion to duty, as well as the rare ability which he has constantly exhibited in the discharge of the duties of his office, particularly in his selection of an Assistant Clerk, and that our kindest wishes for his prosperity and happiness, may ever attend him through his future life.

On motion of Mr. Todd,—

Ordered, That the Clerks of the two branches cause to be prepared and printed before the meeting of the next general court, twenty-five hundred copies of so much of the legislative manual as may be practicable, on the general plan of that of the present year.

Manual.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred.

On motion of Mr. Potter,—

Ordered, That a committee be appointed, to consist of three on the part of the Senate, with such as the House may join, to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the two branches of the Legislature have disposed of all the public business which has been referred to them, and to request him, with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next.

Proroga-
tion.

And Messrs. Potter, Thompson and Whittle were appointed on the part of the Senate.

Sent down for concurrence.

Came up concurred, and Messrs. Cogswell of Yarmouth, Bacon of Lawrence, Phillips of Salem, Plunkett of Adams, Hayes of Townsend, Sanger of Cambridge, Stedman of Boston and Titus of Worcester are joined.

Subsequently, Mr. Potter, from the above-named com-

mittee, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and His Excellency the Governor was pleased to say that he congratulated the members of the general court on their faithfulness in the discharge of their duties during the protracted session, the length of which is due, in a great degree, to the delay of the people in presenting business for their consideration.

His Excellency also expressed his gratification at the kindly courtesies which had always marked the intercourse with himself.

The Governor further informed the committee that he would forthwith communicate with the two branches of the general court.

Proroga-
tion.

Soon after, the Secretary came in with a message from the Governor, informing the Senate that he had during the present session, signed 378 bills and 66 resolves.

The Secretary further informed the Senate that, in accordance with the request of the two branches, it was the pleasure of the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, to prorogue them to the Tuesday next preceding the first Wednesday in January next.

And the general court was prorogued accordingly.

Attest :

STEPHEN N. GIFFORD,
Clerk of the Senate.

APPENDIX.

[No. 1.]

ANNUAL REGISTER

OF THE

Executive and Legislative Departments

OF THE

GOVERNMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

1873.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	First year in office.
William B. Washburn, <i>Governor</i> , . . .	Greenfield, .	Jan. 31, 1820,	Winchendon, .	Banker & Manuf'r, .	1872.
Thomas Talbot, <i>Lieutenant-Governor</i> , . . .	Billerica, .	Sept. 7, 1818,	Cambridge, N.Y.,	Man ufacturer, .	*1852.
Alfred Macy, <i>Councillor</i> , Dist. No. 1, . . .	Nantucket, .	Sept. 1, 1831,	Nantucket, .	Lawyer, . . .	1871.
Seth Turner, " " 2, . . .	Randolph, .	July 29, 1821,	Randolph, .	Banker, . . .	*1865.
Milo Hildreth, " " 3, . . .	Northborough, .	Aug. 17, 1824,	Townsend, .	Manufacturer, .	1872.
Rufus S. Frost, " " 4, . . .	Chelsea, .	July 18, 1826,	Marlboro', N.H.,	Commission merch't,	†1871.
Dan'l H. Stickney, " " 5, . . .	Groveland, .	Apr. 13, 1825,	Groveland, .	Shoe Manufacturer, .	*1865.
Jonathan B. Winn, " " 6, . . .	Woburn, .	Aug. 24, 1811,	Burlington, .	Leather Manufact'r, .	1870.
George Whitney, " " 7, . . .	Royalston, .	Sept. 21, 1817,	Royalston, .	Manufacturer, .	*1859.
Edwin Chase, " " 8, . . .	Holyoke, .	Mar. 17, 1813,	Litchfield, N.H.,	Lumber Dealer, .	1872.
Sidney Andrews, <i>Governor's Private Secretary</i> , . . .	Boston, .	Oct. 7, 1837,	Sheffield, .	Journalist, .	1872.

Heads of Departments,—

Oliver Warner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Northampton,	Apr. 18, 1817,	Northampton,	-	1858.
Charles Adams, Jr., <i>Treasurer</i> ,	N. Brookfield,	Jan. 31, 1810,	Antrim, N.H.,	-	1867.
Charles Endicott, <i>Auditor</i> ,	Canton,	Oct. 28, 1822,	Canton,	Lawyer,	1870.
Charles R. Train, <i>Attorney-General</i> ,	Boston,	Oct. 18, 1817,	Framingham,	Lawyer,	1847.
James A. Cunningham, <i>Adjutant-General</i> ,	Gloucester,	Nov. 27, 1890,	Boston,	Farmer,	1866.

* House.

† Senate.

LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT.

SENATE.

GEORGE B. LORING, PRESIDENT.

DISTRICTS.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
First District,	Henry S. Washburn,	Boston,	-	-	-	-
Second "	Martin Griffin,	Boston,	-	-	-	-
Third "	Francis W. Jacobs,	Boston,	Dec. 30, 1837,	Newburyport,	Lawyer,	1872.
Fourth "	Julius K. Banister,	Boston,	Feb. 22, 1838,	Worcester,	Furniture Dealer,	*1872.
Fifth "	Wm. H. Larnard, Jr.,	Boston,	Jan. 8, 1828,	Boston,	Merchant,	1872.
Sixth "	Robert Johnson,	Boston,	July 17, 1828,	Harrison, Me.,	Supt. S. Bost'n R.R.,	*1863.
Essex County.						
First District,	Geo. D. Whittle,	Lynn,	Jan. 2, 1838,	Springfield,	Shoe Manufact'r,	1873.
Second "	Geo. B. Loring,	Salem,	Nov. 8, 1817,	North Andover,	Farmer,	*1866.
Third "	Nathan W. Harmon,	Lawrence,	Jan. 16, 1818,	New Ashford,	Att'y & Counsellor,	*1857.
Fourth "	David T. Woodwell,	Newburyp't,	Oct. 7, 1820,	Newburyport,	Merchant,	*1869.
Fifth "	Newell Giles,	Rockport,	Feb. 14, 1818,	Rockport,	Manufacturer,	1872.
Middlesex County.						
First District,	Edward Lawrence,	Charlestown,	June 21, 1810,	Harvard,	Pres. Banker Hum. M. Bk.,	*1858.
Second "	Joseph S. Potter,	Arlington,	Feb. 8, 1822,	Baldwinville, N.Y.,	Manufacturer,	*1866.
Third "	Robert O. Fuller,	Cambridge,	Sept. 12, 1829,	Cambridge,	Merchant,	*1870.
Fourth "	Newton Morse,	Natick,	Aug. 16, 1832,	Natick,	Gen. Law business,	*1869.
Fifth "	Levi Wallace,	Pepperell,	Feb. 27, 1832,	Townsend,	Attorney-at-Law,	*1868.

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Sixth District,	Carroll D. Wright,	Reading,	July 26, 1840,	Dunbarton, N.H.,	Lawyer,	1872.
Seventh "	Jeremiah Clark,	Lowell,	Feb. 11, 1819,	Washington, Vt.,	Manuf'r & Merch't,	*1860.
WORCESTER COUNTY.						
First District,	Geo. F. Thompson,	Worcester,	Aug. 9, 1827,	Medway,	Boot Maker,	*1857.
Second "	Samuel M. Griggs,	Westboro',	Sept. 10, 1822,	Grafton, Vt.,	Merchant,	*1869.
Third "	Henry L. Bancroft,	Millbury,	June 25, 1821,	Millbury,	Merchant,	1873.
Fourth "	Nathan' L. Johnson,	Dana,	May 30, 1822,	Dana,	Manuf'r & Farmer,	*1857.
Fifth "	George A. Torrey,	Fitchburg,	May 14, 1838,	Fitchburg,	Lawyer,	1872.
HAMPDEN COUNTY.						
First District,	Timothy F. Packard,	Monson,	May 18, 1812,	Monson,	Merchant,	*1864.
Second "	William Whiting,	Holyoke,	—	—	—	—
BERKSHIRE AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES.						
Hampshire District,	Rufus D. Woods,	Enfield,	May 1, 1818,	Enfield,	Farmer,	*1858.
Berkshire & Hampsh'e Dis.,	Prentiss C. Baird,	Lee,	Sept. 30, 1831,	Becket,	Manufacturer,	*1871.
Berkshire District,	Edward Learned,	Pittsfield,	—	—	—	—
FRANKLIN COUNTY.						
Franklin District,	John D. Todd,	Conway,	Mar. 11, 1814,	Cooperstown, N.Y.,	Banker,	1879.
NORFOLK AND PLYMOUTH COUNTIES.						
First Norfolk District,	Moody Merrill,	Boston,	June 27, 1836,	Plymouth, N. H.,	Lawyer,	*1869.
Second "	Charles H. French,	Canton,	Sept. — 1814,	Canton,	Banker & Manuf'r,	*1853.
Third "	Erastus P. Carpenter,	Foxborough,	Nov. 28, 1822,	Foxborough,	Manufacturer,	1872.
Norfolk & Plymouth Dis.,	Jedediah Dwelley,	Hanover,	Feb. 28, 1834,	Hanover,	Shoe Cutter & Ins. Agent,	*1865.
First Plymouth District,	George W. Lobdell,	Mattapoisett,	June 17, 1823,	Plympton,	Contractor,	*1870.
Second "	Lloyd Parsons,	Bridgewater,	May 13, 1816,	Middleborough,	Manufacturer,	*1870.

* House of Representatives.

Districts.	SENATORS.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
BRISTOL COUNTY.	James Brown, .	Taunton, .	Sept. 19, 1828,	Swansea, .	Lawyer, .	*1862.
	Isaac H. Coe, .	New Bedford, .	May 12, 1818,	Woodstock, Ct., .	Clergyman, .	*1866.
	Charles P. Stickney,	Fall River, .	Mar. 14, 1824,	Chester, N. H., .	Merchant, .	1871.
BARNSTABLE, NANTUCKET AND DUKES COUNTIES.						
Cape District, .	Joseph K. Baker, .	Dennis, .	Oct. 8, 1827,	Dennis, .	Merchant, .	*1870.
Island " .	Francis A. Nye, .	Falmouth, .	Dec. 1, 1822,	Falmouth, .	Farmer, .	*1869.

* House of Representatives.

OFFICERS OF THE SENATE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
Stephen N. Gifford, <i>Clerk</i> ,	Duxbury, .	July 21, 1815,	Pembroke, .	1858.
Edward Abbott, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	Cambridge, .	- - -	- - -	1872.
John Morissey, <i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i> , (to both branches,) .	Plymouth, .	Sept. 22, 1818,	Boston, .	1859.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JOHN E. SANFORD, SPEAKER.

Districts.	Name of Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1.	James Smith, Henry B. Hill, Andrew M. Morton, Henry Spaine, William Taylor, Dennis Bonner, Step'n D. Salmon, Jr., Daniel A. Cook, Daniel A. Cronin, Barney Hull, Alfred A. Clatur, George G. Crocker, John W. Regan, Roger H. Scannell, Horace L. Bowker, Charles R. Codman, Francis B. Hayes, Lewis Hayden, Hugh J. Toland, John E. Fitzgerald, Thos. F. Fitz Gerald,	Boston, "	Mar. 90, 1831, Nov. 16, 1828, Feb. 25, 1839, Aug. 6, 1837, Apr. 15, 1830, Jan. -, 1821, Jan. 15, 1845, Mar. 17, 1842, Aug. 15, 1846, July 29, 1830, Aug. 4, 1835, Dec. 15, 1843, Feb. 14, 1838, Feb. 2, 1837, Nov. 22, 1832, Oct. 28, 1829, - Dec. 3, 1811, Sept. 1, 1844, Nov. 17, 1844, Dec. 20, 1848,	Nova Scotia, Salem, Boston, Ireland, St. John's, N. F., Ireland, Boston, Framingham, Ireland, Whittingham, Vt., Keene, N. H., Boston, Ireland, Ireland, Phillipston, Boston, - Lexington, Ky., Boston, Ireland, Ireland,	Tr. & Agt. B. Forge Co., Cooper, Manufacturer, Stable-keeper, Trader, Teamster, Merchant, Counsellor-at-Law, Mach't & Stm Fitter, Hotel-keeper, Merchant, Counsellor & Convey'r., Hose-maker, Printer, Manufact'g Chemist, - Lawyer, Messenger, Jeweller, Lawyer, Clerk,	1873. 1872. 1873. 1872. 1872. 1873. 1873. 1873. 1873. 1872. 1873. 1873. 1871. 1873. 1873. *1864. 1873. 1873. 1871. 1870. 1870. 1873.

Senate.

Districts.	Name of Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
SUFFOLK Co.—<i>Con.</i>						
No. 8.	Lucius W. Knight, Henry P. Shattuck, Benjamin Heath,	Boston,	Aug. 17, 1880, Nov. 27, 1844, May 1, 1821,	N. Gloucester, Me., Dunkirk, N. Y., Charlestown,	Contractor, Physician, Agent,	1878. 1873. 1873.
9.	Francis D. Stedman, William Frost.	"	Feb. 10, 1801, Jan. 4, 1822,	Lancaster,	Insurance Agent,	1856.
10.	John A. Nowell, Samuel B. Hopkins,	"	May 16, 1817, Mar. 12, 1823,	Limington, Me., Sanford, Me.,	Teamster & F'g Agt., West India Goods,	1873. 1857.
11.	Daniel A. Patch, John Bigelow,	"	July 22, 1892, Feb. 4, 1841,	Hampden, Me., —	Merchant, Manufacturer,	1872. 1873.
12.	Edward J. Jones, Liberty D. Packard,	"	Oct. 16, 1822, Sept. 13, 1831,	Boston, N. Bridgewater,	Ass't Supt. Met. R.R., Physician,	1873. 1872.
13.	Henry W. Wilson, Eustace C. Fitz, John W. Fletcher, Sumner Carruth,	Chelsea, " " " "	Oct. 17, 1834, Feb. 5, 1833, Apr. 11, 1824, Dec. 22, 1834,	Boston, Haverhill, Norridgewock, Me., N. Brookfield,	Civil Engineer, Merchant, Insurance, U.S. Officer Pt. of B'n,	1873. 1873. 1873. 1873.
ESSEX COUNTY.						
No. 1.	Richard F. Briggs, Charles W. Morrill, William E. Blunt,	Amesbury, Salisbury, Haverhill,	Dec. 13, 1836, Apr. 23, 1839, Aug. 21, 1840,	Ashland, N. H., Salisbury, Haverhill,	Carriage Manufact'r., Carriage Manufact'r., Lawyer,	1873. 1873. 1871.
2.	George J. Dean, Alm'd R. Lancaster,	"	Dec. 20, 1828, Mar. 1, 1829,	Exeter, N. H., Corinna, Me.,	Police Officer, Leather Dealer,	1873. 1872.
3.	George E. Davis, Horace C. Bacon,	Lawrence, "	Aug. 6, 1827, Dec. 14, 1824,	Portsmouth, N. H., Newton,	Iron Founder,	1871.
4.	Granville E. Foss, Hiram Berry,	Methuen, No. Andover,	Aug. 16, 1843, June 25, 1820,	Methuen, North Andover,	Lawyer, Manufacturer, Teacher,	1872. 1873. 1873.

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No. 5,	Charles Perley,	W. Boxford,	Sept. 2, 1823,	Dunbarton, N. H.,	Farmer,	1873.
6,	Robert Couch,	Newburyport,	June 28, 1818,	Newburyport,	Master Mariner,	1872.
7,	George W. Clark,	"	Oct. 24, 1836,	Newburyport,	Bookseller,	1872.
8,	Ben. C. Currier,	"	Oct. 29, 1822,	Boston,	Mason,	1873.
9,	John Perkins,	Ipswich,	July 13, 1825,	Ipswich,	Boot & Shoe Manuf'r,	1873.
10,	Addison Gilbert,	Gloucester,	Nov. 23, 1808,	Gloucester,	Retired Manufacturer,	1836.
11,	James G. Tarr,	"	July 6, 1830,	Gloucester,	Trader,	1873.
12,	Fitz E. Griffin,	"	July 28, 1840,	Lanesville,	Carpenter & Builder,	1873.
13,	James W. Bradley,	Rockport,	Oct. 16, 1828,	Rockport,	Trader,	1872.
14,	Francis E. Porter,	Beverly,	Sept. 14, 1824,	Beverly,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1873.
15,	Francis R. Allen,	Hamilton,	May 13, 1817,	Hopkinton, N. H.,	Farmer,	1873.
16,	George J. Sanger,	Danvers,	Aug. 27, 1826,	Framingham,	Clergyman,	1869.
17,	Charles V. Hanson,	Peabody,	Aug. 30, 1844,	Portland, Me.,	Clergyman,	1872.
18,	Willard P. Phillips,	Salem,	Sept. 7, 1825,	Salem,	Merchant,	1848.
19,	George Sanborn,	"	1816,	Salem,	Coal Dealer,	1872.
20,	William A. Creesy,	"	1820,	Marblehead,	"	1872.
	Thomas Ingalls,	Marblehead,	Oct. 1, 1824,	Marblehead,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1873.
	Rich'd H. Humphrey,	"	June 16, 1829,	Marblehead,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1873.
	Bowman B. Breed,	Lynn,	Feb. 29, 1832,	Lynn,	Editor & Physician,	1872.
	Edward A. Berdge,	"	Nov. 20, 1829,	Newburyport,	Clerk,	1873.
	Oliver M. Stacey,	"	Dec. 13, 1816,	Lynn,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1869.
	Walker B. Allen,	"	Jan. 17, 1828,	Elliot, Me.,	Builder & Contractor,	1873.
	Jacob B. Calley,	E. Saugus,	Apr. 4, 1822,	Effingham, N. H.,	Shoe Manufacturer,	1857.
MIDDLESEX CO.						
No. 1,	Robert R. Wiley,	Charlestown,	Mar. 1, 1828,	Charlestown,	Mason,	1873.
2,	John Samson,	"	June 29, 1821,	Pembroke,	Shipwright,	1873.
3,	L. W. Derby,	"	Oct. 2, 1835,	Fairlee, Vt.,	Real Estate Agent,	1873.
	Andrew J. Bailey,	"	July 18, 1840,	Charlestown,	Lawyer,	1871.
	John H. Studley,	"	Oct. 29, 1828,	Charlestown,	Supt. Middlesex R.R.,	1873.

Districts.	Name of Representatives.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	Occupation.	1st year in Leg.
MIDDLESEX Co.-Con.						
No. 4.	Quincy A. Vinal, Alonzo H. Evans, John H. Abbott, Benjamin F. Hayes, J. Winslow Peirce, George P. Sanger, John W. Hammond, Joshua B. Smith, Asa P. Morse, Sam'l W. McDaniel, Ezra D. Winslow, John W. Hollis, Hend'n J. Edwards, William Roberts, Simeon Hardy, John M. Batchelder, Moses L. Buck, Franklin H. Sprague, Edward L. Bigelow, Daniel C. Fletcher, Thomas P. Hurlbut, John B. Moore, Elijah Cummings, John Carlings, Amos Hill, Richard Britton,	Somerville, Everett, Malden, Medford, Arlington, Cambridge, " " " " Newton, Brighton, Watertown, Waltham, Natick, Hopkinton, Frammingham, Marlborough, Littleton, Sudbury, Concord, Burlington, Woburn, Stoneham, Wakefield,	Sept. 23, 1826, Feb. 24, 1820, Aug. 16, 1825, July 8, 1835, July 6, 1835, Nov. 27, 1819, Dec. 16, 1837, Nov. 7, 1813, Sept. 1, 1819, Nov. 18, 1833, Sept. 6, 1839, Mar. 14, 1812, Apr. 13, 1840, 1835, 1833, Jan. 8, 1832, May 17, 1811, May 19, 1825, June 27, 1839, May 28, 1829, June 1, 1820, Feb. 18, 1817, Dec. 28, 1812, Oct. 19, 1812, Oct. 26, 1830, Aug. 26, 1838,	Charlestown, Allentown, N.H., Bedford, Berwick, Me., Arlington, Dover, Mattapoisett, Pennsylvania, Haverhill, N. H., Philadelphia, Pa., Whitehall, N. Y., Braintree, Watertown, Me., Strong, Me., Holliston, Upton, Phillipston, Marlborough, Littleton, Sudbury, Concord, Burlington, Woburn, Stoneham, Ireland,	Grain Dealer, Treas. Savings Bank, Real Estate, Lawyer, Coal Dealer, Lawyer, Lawyer, Caterer, D'r in shooks & staves, Clergyman, Clergyman, Wool Merchant, Lawyer, Clergyman, Shoemaker, Grocer, Plumber, Trader & Farmer, Merchant, Farmer, Farmer, Farmer, Tanner & Currier, Civil Engineer, Manufacturer,	1873. 1873. 1872. 1872. 1873. 1873. 1872. 1873. 1869. 1873. 1872. 1873. 1873. 1873. 1873. 1868. 1870. 1873. 1870. 1873. 1873. 1873. 1873. 1872. 1873.

No. 24.	John S. Coney,	No. Reading,	July 22, 1823,	Reading,	Shoemaker,	1873.
25.	George H. Whitman,	BillERICA,	Feb. 10, 1808,	Boston,	Lawyer,	1873.
26.	George L. Sargent,	Lowell,	Sept. 27, 1830,	Boston,	Provision Dealer,	1869.
27.	George A. Marden,	"	Aug. 9, 1839,	Mt. Vernon, N. H.,	Editor,	1873.
28.	William H. Loughlin,	"	Oct. 31, 1847,	Ireland,	Lawyer,	1872.
29.	Edward F. Watson,	"	Mar. 8, 1807,	Nottingham, N. H.,	Manufacturer,	1842.
30.	Jonathan Johnson,	"	Aug. 7, 1818,	Groton,	Watchmaker,	1856.
31.	J. Henry Read,	Westford,	Aug. 5, 1835,	Westford,	Farmer,	1872.
32.	Amos J. Saunders,	E. Pepperell,	Aug. 3, 1826,	Rowley,	Merchant,	1873.
	Samuel S. Haynes,	Townsend,	Jan. 4, 1822,	Townsend,	Builder,	1852.
WORCESTER Co.						
No. 1.	Austin Whitney,	Ashburnham,	Apr. 16, 1817,	Ashburnham,	Morocco Dresser,	1873.
2.	George H. Hoyt,	Athol,	Nov. 25, 1837,	Athol,	Lawyer,	1872.
3.	William N. Walker,	Templeton,	Nov. 14, 1823,	Royalston,	Iron Founder,	1873.
4.	Stephen D. Goddard,	Petersham,	Jan. 7, 1811,	Petersham,	Farmer,	1869.
	Charles A. Gleason,	N'w Braintree,	Feb. 7, 1846,	New Braintree,	Farmer,	1873.
5.	Rodney Wallace,	Fitchburg,	Dec. 21, 1823,	New Ipswich, N. H.,	Paper Manufacturer,	1873.
	C. C. Field,	Leominster,	May 27, 1810,	Northfield,	Physician,	1873.
	William Baker,	Lunenburg,	Sept. 2, 1821,	Lunenburg,	Farmer,	1873.
6.	Augustus J. Sawyer,	Harvard,	Apr. 14, 1816,	Harvard,	Farmer,	1873.
7.	John B. Parker,	Northborough,	Jan. 4, 1812,	Lancaster,	Horn Comb Manuf'r,	1873.
8.	Joseph W. Cross,	W. Boylston,	June 16, 1808,	East Bridgewater,	Clergyman,	1873.
9.	Asa H. Goddard,	Princeton,	Feb. 9, 1807,	Shrewsbury,	Farmer,	1873.
	Samuel Winslow,	Worcester,	Feb. 28, 1827,	Newton,	Manufacturer,	1873.
10.	John Gates,	"	Mar. 2, 1807,	Worcester,	Lumber Dealer,	1872.
	T. W. Wellington,	"	July 4, 1811,	Lexington,	Coal Dealer,	1864.

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WORCESTER—Con.						
No. 11, . . .	George P. Kendrick, Samuel E. Hildreth, Joseph A. Titus, . . .	Worcester, " . . .	Aug. 22, 1824, Dec. 8, 1829, Jan. 21, 1838,	Warren, Brattleboro', Vt., Leicester, . . .	Livery-stable keeper, Machinist, . . .	1872. 1873. 1873.
12, . . .	George H. Harlow, . . .	Shrewsbury, . . .	June 18, 1820,	Shrewsbury, . . .	Lawyer, . . .	1873.
13, . . .	William H. Buck, . . .	Southborough, . . .	Aug. 26, 1818,	Killingly, Conn., Guilford, Vt., . . .	Insurance & Farming, Cattle Broker, . . .	1873. 1873.
14, . . .	Emory A. Howard, . . .	Northbridge, . . .	Nov. 2, 1837,	Guilford, Vt., . . .	Clergyman, . . .	1873.
15, . . .	George B. Blake, . . .	Millford, . . .	Feb. 28, 1823,	Stoughton, . . .	Boot Cutter, . . .	1872.
	Henry C. Skinner, . . .	" . . .	Nov. 14, 1824,	Plainfield, Vt., Plainfield, Ct., . . .	Woolen Manufacturer, Sash & Door Manuf., . . .	1873. 1872.
	John C. Scott, . . .	Blackstone, . . .	June 3, 1816,	Woodstock, Ct., . . .	Teacher, . . .	1873.
16, . . .	C. D. Morse, . . .	Millbury, . . .	Nov. 1, 1827,	Sutton, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1873.
	Andrew J. Waters, . . .	Webster, . . .	Jan. 14, 1837,	Marblehead, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1873.
	Samuel W. Heath, . . .	E. Douglas, . . .	Nov. 11, 1804,	Eastford, Conn., . . .	Farmer, . . .	1873.
17, . . .	Charles V. Carpenter, . . .	Southbridge, . . .	Apr. 2, 1830,	Charlton, . . .	Shoe Tool & Die Manf., . . .	1873.
	Moses D. Woodbury, . . .	Charlton, . . .	Jan. 10, 1821,	Tolland, Ct., . . .	Farmer, . . .	1873.
	Noah D. Ladd, . . .	Sturbridge, . . .	Feb. 29, 1820,	N. Brookfield, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1873.
18, . . .	William B. Stone, . . .	W. Brookfield, . . .	Jan. 24, 1811,			1873.
HAMPSHIRE Co.						
No. 1, . . .	Lewis J. Dudley, . . .	Northampton, . . .	Nov. 11, 1815,	Guilford, Conn., . . .	Teacher, . . .	*1864.
2, . . .	Elijah N. Woods, . . .	Huntington, . . .	Jan. 29, 1818,	West Brookfield, . . .	Merchant, . . .	1873.
3, . . .	Hiram Packard, . . .	Goshen, . . .	Sept. 6, 1816,	Goshen, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1873.
4, . . .	Franklin Bonney, . . .	Hadley, . . .	Feb. 2, 1822,	Hadley, . . .	Physician & Surgeon, . . .	1873.
5, . . .	Henry Burt, . . .	Amherst, . . .	Sept. 8, 1811,	Wilbraham, . . .	Retired, . . .	1873.
6, . . .	Addison Burnett, . . .	Belchertown, . . .	June 7, 1810,	South Hadley, . . .	Mason & Farmer, . . .	1873.
	Wales Aldrich, . . .	Prescott, . . .	May 15, 1811,	Prescott, . . .	Farmer, . . .	1873.

HAMPTON COUNTY.

No. 1,	Thomas J. Morgan,	Brimfield,	Feb. 12, 1823,	Brimfield,	Farmer & Miller,	1873.
2,	James B. Shaw,	Palmer,	July 25, 1837,	Hartford, Conn.,	Merchant,	1873.
3,	Charles R. Ladd,	Springfield,	Apr. 9, 1822,	Tolland, Ct.,	Insurance Agent,	1853.
4,	H. M. French,	"	1827,	Springfield,	Hotel Landlord,	1873.
5,	A. L. Soule,	"	Apr. 19, 1827,	Exeter, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1873.
6,	Henry W. Phelps,	Holyoke,	Aug. 23, 1840,	Springfield,	Railroad Contractor,	1873.
7,	Edward W. Chapin,	Chicopee,	Aug. 1, 1814,	Chicopee,	Lawyer,	1873.
8,	William R. Kentfield,	E. Longmeadow,	May 10, 1827,	Northampton,	Mason,	1873.
9,	Oliver Wolcott,	W. Springfield,	Feb. 6, 1810,	West Springfield,	Supt. of Quarry,	1843.
	Aaron Bagg,	Westfield,	Feb. 23, 1821,	Agawam,	Farmer,	1862.
	Lewis R. Norton,	Montgomery,	Nov. 13, 1829,	Montgomery,	Merchant,	1873.
	Francis W. Clark,				Farmer,	1873.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

No. 1,	A. S. Atherton,	Warwick,	Apr. 4, 1842,	Richmond, N. H.,	Merchant,	1873.
2,	Harrison O. Field,	Leverett,	Jan. 20, 1810,	Leverett,	Farmer,	1873.
3,	Elijah E. Belding,	Northfield,	Apr. 18, 1813,	Vernon, Vt.,	Farmer,	1873.
4,	William Stewart,	Colrain,	Sept. 16, 1820,	Colrain,	Farmer,	1873.
5,	George W. Bardwell,	Deerfield,	1837,	Whately,	Farmer,	1873.
	Charles Crittenden,	Hawley,	Jan. 1, 1837,	Hawley,	Farmer,	1873.
	Ezekiel D. Bement,	Buckland,	1819,	Buckland,	Farmer,	1873.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY.

No. 1,	Kirke E. Gardner,	Hancock,	1833,	Stephentown, N. Y.,	Farmer,	1873.
2,	William C. Plunkett,	Adams,	Oct. -, 1800,	Lenox,	Manufacturer,	*1846.
3,	William F. Darby,	Pittsfield,	1838,	Williamstown,	Merchant,	1870.
	James M. Barker,	"	Oct. 23, 1839,	Pittsfield,	Lawyer,	1872.
	George Y. Learned,		Jan. 15, 1827,	Watervliet, N. Y.,	Manufacturer,	1873.

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BERKSHIRE Co.—Con.						
No. 4,	James L. White,	Windsor,	Oct. 18, 1821,	Peru,	Farmer,	1855.
5,	Marcus Truesdell,	W. Stockb'dge,	May 30, 1818,	Monson,	Line Manufacturer,	1873.
6,	Thomas M. Judd,	Lee,	July 16, 1840,	Tyringham,	Lawyer,	1873.
7,	Seymour B. Dewey,	Egremont,	Aug. 25, 1814,	Great Barrington,	Merchant,	1862.
8,	Austin Hawley,	Sandisfield,	Oct. 29, 1822,	Norfolk, Ct.,	Farmer,	1873.
NORFOLK COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Frederick D. Ely,	Dedham,	Sept. 24, 1838,	Wrentham,	Lawyer,	1873.
2,	Robert Seaver,	W. Roxbury,	Feb. 23, 1812,	Roxbury,	Grocer,	1872.
3,	Albert Palmer,	Boston,	Jan. 17, 1831,	Candia, N. H.,	Ice Business,	1872.
4,	George Bartholmes,	"	Apr. 22, 1821,	Bavaria, Germany,	Boot & Shoe Manuf'r.,	1872.
5,	Brownell Granger,	"	Apr. 23, 1835,	Greenfield,	Civil Engineer,	1872.
6,	H. B. Chamberlain,	"	Feb. 18, 1839,	Gloucester,	Carriage Maker,	1873.
7,	Rich'd's'n Hutchinson,	"	Oct. 13, 1818,	Boston,	Furniture Manufact'r.,	1873.
8,	Albe C. Clark,	"	Aug. 31, 1826,	Franklin, N. H.,	Lawyer,	1873.
9,	James A. Stetson,	Quincy,	July 22, 1834,	E. Braintree, Mass.,	Physician,	1873.
10,	Rodolphus Porter,	Braintree,	Jan. 26, 1826,	Weymouth,	Merchant,	1873.
11,	E. Atherton Hunt,	Weymouth,	Oct. 26, 1830,	Plainfield, N. H.,	Boot Manufacturer,	1873.
12,	Joseph Dyer,	"	May 6, 1821,	Stoughton,	Grocer,	1873.
13,	A. J. Gove,	Randolph,	Feb. 24, 1808,	Roxbury,	Expressman,	1873.
14,	Adam Capen, Jr.,	Stoughton,	Oct. 3, 1834,	Sharon,	Mechanic,	1873.
15,	Willard Lewis,	Walpole,	Jan. 7, 1827,	West Medway,	Manufacturer,	1873.
16,	Sanford W. Billings,	Sharon,	Jan. 23, 1807,	Sandwich,	Teacher,	1873.
17,	Alexis W. Ide,	Medway,		Franklin,	Clergyman,	1873.
18,	George T. Ryder,	Foxborough,			Merchant,	1873.
19,	John H. Fisher,	Franklin,			Day Laborer,	1873.

No. 14,	Amos W. Shumway,	Dover,	May 13, 1819,	Dover,	Farmer,	1873.
15,	Austin W. Benton,	Brookline,	Nov. 16, 1818,	Rowe,	-	1872.
BRISTOL COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Edward Sanford,	Attleborough,	Mar. 10, 1825,	Raynham,	Physician,	1873.
2,	Andrew H. Sweet,	Norton,	Oct. 2, 1845,	Norton,	Friction Match Manf.,	1873.
3,	George Copeland,	Easton,	Jan. 5, 1837,	Easton,	Merchant,	1873.
4,	John E. Sanford,	Taunton,	Nov. 22, 1830,	Dennis,	Lawyer,	1868.
5,	William R. Black,	"	Aug. 23, 1830,	P. E. Island,	Manufacturer of Paint,	1872.
6,	Nathan B. Seaver,	Dighton,	Aug. 4, 1822,	Taunton,	Dyer in Boots & Shoes,	1873.
7,	William Dean,	Freetown,	Mar. 30, 1811,	Dighton,	Physician,	1873.
8,	George O. Fairbanks,	Fall River,	Feb. 14, 1815,	Freetown,	Farmer,	1873.
9,	Weaver Osborn,	"	May 23, 1815,	Medway,	Dentist,	1870.
10,	Charles J. Holmes,	"	Mar. 4, 1834,	Tiverton, R. I.,	Manufacturer,	1873.
11,	Giles E. Brownell,	Westport,	Apr. 12, 1819,	Rochester,	Banker,	1868.
12,	Benjamin F. Wing,	Dartmouth,	Oct. 22, 1822,	Westport,	Farmer,	1872.
	Isaac F. Sawtelle,	New Bedford,	Aug. -, 1816,	Sidney, Me.,	Master Mariner,	1872.
	William C. Parker, Jr.,	"	Feb. 22, 1850,	New Bedford,	Master Mariner,	1873.
	Elijah H. Chisholm,	"	Apr. 8, 1824,	Boston,	-	1873.
	Isaac D. Hall,	"	Nov. 2, 1807,	Portsmouth, R. I.,	Druggist,	1866.
	William H. Whitfield,	Fairhaven,	Nov. 15, 1804,	Fairhaven,	Retired Merchant,	1887.
PLYMOUTH COUNTY.						
No. 1,	Joshua W. Davis,	Cohasset,	Nov. 13, 1817,	Farmington, N. H.,	Farmer,	1873.
2,	John Cushing,	Hingham,	Apr. 7, 1808,	Hingham,	Shoemaker & Farmer,	1873.
3,	Calvin T. Phillips,	Hanson,	Mar. 3, 1836,	Hanson,	Supt. Tack Manufy.,	1873.
4,	David P. Hatch,	Marshfield,	Aug. 30, 1814,	Marshfield,	Farmer & Box Manuf.,	1873.
5,	Nahum Bailey, Jr.,	Kingston,	1823,	Kingston,	Trader,	1873.
6,	Albert Mason,	Plymouth,	Nov. 7, 1836,	Middleborough,	Lawyer,	1873.
	Tisdale S. White,	"	1809,	Norton,	Manufacturer,	1866.

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PLYMOUTH Co.—Con.						
No. 7.	Peleg Blankinship.	Marion.	Feb. 18, 1809.	Marion.	Retired St'mb't Capt.,	1873.
8.	Geo. Purrington, Jr.,	Mattapoisett.	May 16, 1829.	Mattapoisett.	Manufacturer.	1873.
9.	John Shaw.	Middleboro'.	Dec. 3, 1822.	Carver.	Druggist.	1873.
10.	Lewis Holmes.	Bridgewater.	Sept. 17, 1806.	Plymouth.	Postmaster.	1873.
11.	E. Loring Thayer.	N. Bridgewater.	July 2, 1824.	N. Bridgewater.	Boot & Shoe Manuf'r.	1872.
12.	Edward O. Noyes.	"	Oct. 18, 1840.	N. Bridgewater.	Merchant.	1873.
	Jesse E. Keith.	Abington.	May 2, 1824.	E. Bridgewater.	Lawyer.	1873.
	Nathan S. Jenkins.	"	Feb. 14, 1820.	Abington.	Boot & Shoemaker.	1866.
BARNSTABLE Co.						
No. 1.	John B. D. Cogswell.	Yarmouth.	June 29, 1829.	Yarmouth.	Attorney.	1857.
	Nathaniel Sears.	Barnstable.	Oct. 8, 1825.	Rochester.	Conductor.	1872.
2.	Philip H. Robinson.	Sandwich.	Aug. 6, 1823.	Sandwich.	Farmer.	1873.
	Zoeth Snow, Jr.,	Brewster.	Sept. 29, 1825.	Brewster.	Wheelw't & B'ksmith.	1872.
3.	David P. Howes.	Dennis.	Mar. 14, 1815.	Dennis.	Mariner.	1873.
	Lot Higgins.	Orleans.	Sept. 10, 1809.	Orleans.	Merchant.	1873.
4.	Reuben G. Sparks.	Provincetown.	July 30, 1822.	Provincetown.	Carpenter and Joiner.	1872.
	Thomas N. Stone.	Wellfleet.	May 30, 1818.	Wellfleet.	Physician.	1873.
DUKES COUNTY.						
No. 1.	David Mayhew.	Tisbury.	Oct. 23, 1884.	Chilmark.	Farmer.	1873.
NANTUCKET Co.						
No. 1.	Edward McCleave.	Nantucket.	Nov. —, 1813.	Nantucket.	Master Mariner.	1873.

OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE.

NAME AND OFFICE.	Residence.	Date of Birth.	Native Place.	1st year in office.
Charles H. Taylor, Clerk.	Somerville.	July 14, 1846,	Charlestown.	1873.
Robert G. Seymour, Chaplain.	Boston.	- - -	- - -	1873.

[No. 2.]

RULES AND ORDERS OF THE SENATE.

Of the Duties and Powers of the President.

RULE 1. To call the members to order, and cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

RULE 2. To preserve order and decorum—To speak to points of order in preference to other members—To decide all questions of order, subject to appeal—To rise in putting a question, &c., but may read sitting.

RULE 3. To declare all votes; if doubted, a return to be ordered—President may vote, but to be required to do so in certain cases only.

RULE 4. The President may vote on all questions.

RULE 5. President to order the Yeas and Nays, if one-fifth of the members present require them.

RULE 6. Concerning motions when a question is under debate, and the precedence thereof.

RULE 7. Motions undebatable.

RULE 8. President to name who may speak, when two or more members rise at once.

RULE 9. President may name member to take his place—Limitation thereof.

RULE 10. In absence of President, the senior member present to call the Senate to order—The election of a President *pro tem.* to be the first business.

Of the Rights, Duties, and Decorum of Members.

RULE 11. Members, when speaking, to address the President.

RULE 12. Limitation as to speaking.

RULE 13. Members not to interrupt another, except, &c.

RULE 14. Members not to speak on a question after it is put to vote.

RULE 15. Concerning the presentation of petitions, &c.

RULE 16. All motions to be reduced to writing, if the President so direct.

RULE 17. Concerning the reconsideration of votes.

RULE 18. Bills, &c., to remain in Clerk's possession until the right of reconsideration has expired.

RULE 19. Division of a question to be made, if desired—Motion to strike out and insert.

RULE 20. Unfinished business to have the preference.

RULE 21. Members not to vote on questions where their private rights are concerned, distinct from the public interest.

RULE 22. Members not to absent themselves without leave, unless, &c.

RULE 23. Concerning the Yeas and Nays.

Of Committees.

RULE 24. Requiring statements to be made to Committees relative to proposed alteration of laws.

RULE 25. List of Standing Committees.

RULE 26. Committees to be appointed by the President, unless, &c.—First named to be Chairman—Substitute to hold the same rank as the original member—In elections, the person having the highest number of votes to be Chairman.

RULE 27. Order of question when motion is made to commit.

RULE 28. Reports of Committees not proposing final action, and of Committees of Conference, to be made the order of the day for the succeeding day.

RULE 29. No other than Joint or Special Committees to occupy the Senate Chamber without leave.

Of Bills and Resolves.

RULE 30. Concerning reports on petitions, notice of the presentation of which has not been published.

RULE 31. Bills and resolves, how to be written—Not to be introduced by a member without leave—When introduced, on leave, to be committed before second reading.

RULE 32. Bills, &c., from the House, to be committed, unless reported by a joint committee.

RULE 33. Bills, &c., not to be engrossed without three readings—Bills in second and third readings to be made the order of the day for the succeeding day—Matters passed over, how disposed of.

RULE 34. Bills and resolves involving expenditure of money to be referred to Committee on the Treasury.

RULE 35. Bills, &c., in their third reading to be committed for examination.

RULE 36. Engrossed bills, &c., to be committed for examination—Bills reported as rightly and truly engrossed not to be again read, unless, &c.

RULE 37. No engrossed bill to be amended, except by unanimous consent.

RULE 38. No rejected measure to be revived—This rule to apply to House as well as Senate measures.

Elections by Ballot.

RULE 39. Elections by ballot—time to be assigned therefor.

Senate Library.

RULE 40. Books to be in care of the Clerk—Clerk to keep account of all books delivered.

Reporters.

RULE 41. Reporters—seats for, to be numbered and assigned by lot.

General Rules.

RULE 42. Seats not to be occupied by persons other than members.

RULE 43. Regulations respecting admission of persons to Senate Chamber and rooms adjoining.

RULE 44. Cushing's Manual and Cushing's Law and Practice to govern, when not inconsistent with Rules and Orders.

RULE 45. Concerning the alteration, rescinding, &c., of rules.

RULES AND ORDERS.

(Numbers enclosed in parentheses indicate corresponding Rules of the House.)

Of the Duties and Powers of the of the President.

RULE 1. (1.) The President shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Senate shall have adjourned, shall call the members to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall proceed to business.

RULE 2. (2, 4.) He shall preserve order and decorum, may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal. He shall rise to put a question or to address the Senate, but may read sitting.

RULE 3. (3.) He shall declare all votes; but, if any member rises to doubt a vote, the President shall order a return of the number voting in the affirmative and in the negative, without further debate.

RULE 4. (5.) The President may vote on all questions.

RULE 5. (7.) When any member shall move that any question be taken by yeas and nays, the President shall take the sense of the Senate in that manner, provided one-fifth of the members present shall so direct.

RULE 6. (10.) When a question is under debate, the President shall receive no motion but to *adjourn*, to *proceed to the consideration of the special assignment*, to *lay on the table*, to *postpone to a day certain*, to *commit*, to *amend*, to *refer to the next General Court*, or to *postpone indefinitely*, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

RULE 7. (11.) The motion to adjourn, when made while any other question is pending, and the motions to lay on the table, to take from the table and for the yeas and nays, shall be decided without debate.

RULE 8. (16.) When two or more members rise at once, the President shall designate which of these shall be entitled to the floor.

RULE 9. (18.) The President shall have the right to appoint a member to perform the duties of the chair; but such appointment shall not extend beyond three days.

RULE 10. (48.) In case of a vacancy in the office of President, or in case the President, or the member substituted by

him in accordance with Rule No. 9, shall be absent at the hour designated in Rule No. 1, the senior member present shall call the Senate to order, and shall preside until a President or a President *pro tempore* shall be elected by ballot, which shall be the first business of the Senate.

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RULE 11. (21.) Every member, when he speaks, shall stand in his place, and address the President.

RULE 12. (23.) No member shall speak more than once on one question, to the prevention of any other who has not spoken and is desirous to speak; nor more than twice, without obtaining leave of the Senate.

RULE 13. (22.) No member speaking shall be interrupted by another, but by rising to call to order.

RULE 14. After a question is put to a vote, no member shall speak to it.

RULE 15. (50.) Every member presenting a Petition, Memorial, or Remonstrance, shall indorse his name thereon, and, in the filling thereof, state briefly the nature and object of the instrument; and the reading of the same shall be dispensed with, unless specially ordered by the Senate.

RULE 16. (34.) Any motion shall be reduced to writing, if the President so direct.

RULE 17. (24.) When a vote has passed, except on motions specified in Rule 7, it shall be in order for any member to move a reconsideration thereof on the same or the succeeding day: and such motion, if made on the same day, shall be placed first in the Orders of the Day, for the day succeeding that on which it is made; but, if first moved on such succeeding day, it shall be forthwith considered; and when a motion for reconsideration is decided, that vote shall not be reconsidered: *provided, however*, that a motion to reconsider a vote upon any collateral matter shall not remove the main subject under consideration, from before the Senate, but shall be considered at the time when it is made.

RULE 18. (26.) Bills, resolves, and other papers, in reference to which any member has a right to move a reconsideration, shall remain in the possession of the Clerk until the right of reconsideration has expired.

RULE 19. (35.) A question containing two or more propositions capable of division, shall be divided whenever desired by any member. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible. But a motion to strike out, being lost, shall neither preclude amendment nor a motion to strike out and insert.

RULE 20. (38.) The unfinished business in which the Senate was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have the preference in the Orders of the Day, next after motions to reconsider.

RULE 21. (32.) No member shall be permitted to vote or serve on any committee on a question where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

RULE 22. No member shall absent himself from the Senate without leave, unless there be a quorum without his presence.

RULE 23. (7, 33.) Whenever a question shall be taken by yeas and nays, the Clerk shall call the names of all the members, except the President, in alphabetical order; and every member present shall answer to his name, unless excused before the vote is taken; and no member shall be permitted to vote after the decision is announced from the chair.

Of Committees.

RULE 24. (43.) It shall be the duty of every member of the Senate, who moves that any Standing Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending an existing law, to point out to such Committee, in writing, the amendment which he deems expedient, and to furnish a written statement of the facts and authorities in favor thereof, to such Committee, if by them required.

RULE 25. (67.) The following Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the first session, to wit:—

A Committee on the Judiciary;

A Committee on Bills in the Third Reading;

And each of these Committees shall consist of five members.

A Committee on Matters of Probate and Chancery;

A Committee on the Treasury;

A Committee on Printing;

A Committee on Engrossed Bills;

A Committee on Leave of Absence ;

And each of these Committees shall consist of three members.

RULE 26. (16, 68.) All Committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Senate, and the person first named shall be Chairman. In all elections of Committees by ballot, the person having the highest number of votes shall act as Chairman.

RULE 27. (42.) When a motion is made to commit any subject, and different Committees shall be proposed, the question shall be taken in the following order : A Standing Committee of the Senate—a Select Committee of the Senate—a Joint Standing Committee—a Joint Select Committee.

RULE 28. Reports of Committees, except such as do not propose final action, and Reports of Committees of Conference, shall, unless otherwise specially ordered, be placed in the Orders of the Day next succeeding that on which they shall be presented to the Senate.

RULE 29. No Committee shall be allowed to occupy the Senate Chamber without leave of the Senate.

RULE 30. (52.) No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the Senate by any Committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Committee that notice had been given in the manner provided by law ; or, unless such notice as the Committee shall direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the Committee ; or, unless, in the judgment of the Committee, no notice to the parties or public is necessary.

Of Bills and Resolves.

RULE 31. (56, 58.) All bills and resolves shall be written in a fair, round hand, without interlineations, on not less than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves. No bill or resolve shall be introduced by a member without special leave ; and all bills and resolves, when so introduced, shall be committed before they are passed to a second reading.

RULE 32. All bills and resolves from the House of Representatives, after they are read a first time, shall be committed

to a committee of the Senate, except when said bills or resolves shall have been reported by a joint committee.

RULE 33. (56, 64.) No bill or resolve, or substitute therefor, shall pass to be engrossed without three readings on three several days; and bills and resolves in the second and third readings shall be made the order of the day for the day next succeeding that on which leave shall have been given to read them a second or third time, and the President shall order them accordingly. After being placed in the Orders of the Day, they shall be disposed of in course; and matters passed over in the Orders of the Day shall go to the foot of the list, and shall not be considered till the next day.

RULE 34. (60.) All bills and resolves involving the expenditure of public money, shall, after the first reading, be referred in course to the Committee on the Treasury; whose duty it shall be to report on their relation to the finances of the Commonwealth.

RULE 35. (61.) All bills and resolves in the third reading shall be committed to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading; whose duty it shall be to ascertain their relations to the Constitution, and any existing laws upon the same subject-matter, and to see that all such bills and resolves are correct in form.

RULE 36. (62.) All engrossed bills and resolves shall be committed to the Standing Committee on Engrossed Bills; whose duty it shall be carefully to compare the same with the bill as passed to be engrossed; and if found by them to be rightly and truly engrossed, they shall so endorse on the envelope thereof, and the final question shall be taken thereon without any further reading, unless, on motion of any member, a majority of the Senate shall be in favor of reading the same as engrossed.

RULE 37. (63.) No engrossed bill or resolve shall be amended.

RULE 38. (58.) When any measure shall be finally rejected, it shall not be revived except by reconsideration, and no measure *substantially* the same shall be introduced during the session; and this Rule shall apply as well to measures originating in the House as to those originating in the Senate.

Elections by Ballot.

RULE 39. (68.) In all elections by ballot, a time shall be assigned for such election, at least one day previous thereto.

RULE 40. The books belonging to the Senate Chamber shall be in the care of the Clerk, who shall keep an accurate list thereof; and no book shall be taken from the Senate Chamber by any person without giving notice thereof to the Clerk, who shall enter, in a book to be kept by him, the name of the book, and the name of the person taking the same.

Reporters.

RULE 41. Seats for reporters shall be numbered, and assigned by lot, under the direction of the Clerk of the Senate.

General Rules.

RULE 42. (44.) No person not a member of the Senate shall be allowed to sit at the Senate table while the Senate is in session.

RULE 43. No person other than members of the legislative and executive departments of the State government shall be allowed to be present in the Clerk's room, or the room intervening between that and the Senate Chamber, while the Senate is in session, or during the half hour immediately preceding and following any session.

RULE 44. The Rules of Parliamentary Practice comprised in Cushing's Manual, and the principles of parliamentary law set forth in Cushing's larger work, shall govern the Senate in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Standing Rules and Orders of the Senate, or the Joint Rules of the two branches of the legislature.

RULE 45. (89.) Any Rule or Order, except the *thirty-fifth*, may be altered, suspended or rescinded, two-thirds of the members present consenting thereto.

[No. 3.]

JOINT RULES AND ORDERS

OF THE

TWO BRANCHES.

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RULE 18. Concerning reports on petitions, notice of the presentation of which has not been given.

RULE 19. Concerning petitions, memorials, &c.

RULE 20. Concerning the printing and binding of documents.

RULE 1. The following Joint Standing Committees shall be appointed at the commencement of the January session, viz. :—

A Committee on Agriculture ;

A Committee on Banks and Banking ;

A Committee on Claims ;

A Committee on Education ;

A Committee on Expenditures ;

A Committee on Federal Relations ;

A Committee on the Fisheries ;

A Committee on Harbors ;
A Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad ;
A Committee on Horse Railways ;
A Committee on Insurance ;
A Committee on the Library ;
A Committee on Manufactures ;
A Committee on Mercantile Affairs ;
A Committee on Military Affairs ;
A Committee on Parishes and Religious Societies ;
A Committee on Prisons ;
A Committee on Public Charitable Institutions ;
A Committee on Public Lands ;
A Committee on Railways ;
A Committee on Roads and Bridges ;
A Committee on the State House ;
A Committee on Towns ;
A Committee on Water Supply and Drainage.

And each of said Committees shall consist of two on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House, except the Committee on Mercantile Affairs, the Committee on Prisons, the Committee on Water Supply and Drainage, the Committee on Harbors, the Committee on the Hoosac Tunnel and the Troy and Greenfield Railroad, the Committee on Railways, and the Committee on Horse Railways, which shall each consist of three members on the part of the Senate, and eight members on the part of the House ; and except the Committee on the Library, which by law, is to consist of three on the part of each House ; and except the Committee on Expenditures, which shall consist of the Committee on the Treasury of the Senate, and the Committee on Finance of the House. No member of either House shall act as counsel for any party before any committee of the legislature.

RULE 2. The Joint Committees of the two Houses may report by bill, resolve or otherwise, to either House, at their discretion ; and all bills and resolves reported by them shall be written in a fair, legible hand, without interlineation, on not less than a sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections or resolves.

RULE 3. Reports of Joint Committees may be recommitted to the same committees at the pleasure of the House first acting

thereon, without asking the concurrence of the other branch ; and bills or resolves which have been previously acted on in one branch may be recommitted in the other without a concurrent vote, except when recommitted with instructions : *provided*, that, after such recommitment, reports shall, in all cases, be made to the branch which shall have ordered such recommitment.

RULE 4. Whenever a report is made from any Committee to either House, and the sub-matter thereof is subsequently referred therein to a Joint Committee, such Committee shall report its action to the branch in which the original report was made.

RULE 5. Whenever upon any application for an Act of incorporation, or other special legislation, the purpose for which such legislation is sought can be secured under general laws, the committee to which the matter is referred shall, in all cases, report "leave to withdraw," or "inexpedient to legislate,"

RULE 6. All papers, while on their passage between the two Houses, may be under the signature of the respective Clerks, except bills and resolves in their last stage. Messages may be sent by such persons as each House may direct.

RULE 7. After bills shall have passed both Houses to be engrossed, they shall be in the charge of the Clerks of the two Houses, who shall deliver the same to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to be engrossed in the manner prescribed by law ; and, when engrossed, the said Clerks shall forthwith deliver the same to the Committee of the House of Representatives on Engrossed Bills ; and when the same shall have passed to be enacted in that House, they shall, in like manner, be delivered to the Committee of the Senate on Engrossed Bills.

RULE 8. If any bill, resolve or order, originating in one branch is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given, under the signature of the Clerk, to the branch in which the same originated.

RULE 9. The Clerk of the House in which a bill originated, shall make an indorsement thereon, certifying in which House the same originated, which indorsement shall be entered on the Journals by the Clerks respectively.

After said bills shall have passed both Houses to be enacted, the Clerk of the Senate shall lay them before the Governor for

his approbation, and shall enter upon the Journal of the Senate the day on which the same were laid before the Governor.

RULE 10. All resolves and other papers, which are to be presented to the Governor for his approbation, shall be laid before him in the same manner as is prescribed in the case of bills.

RULE 11. All resolves proposing amendments of the Constitution, shall have three several readings in each House, and the final question upon adopting the same shall be taken by yeas and nays.

RULE 12. The President of the Senate shall preside in Conventions of the two branches; and such Conventions shall be holden in the Representatives' Chamber; and the Clerk of the Senate shall be Clerk of the Conventions.

RULE 13. When an agreement has been made by the two branches to go into Convention, such agreement shall not be altered or annulled, except by concurrent vote.

RULE 14. No business shall be entered on, in Convention, other than that which may be agreed on before the Convention is formed.

RULE 15. In all elections by joint ballot, a time shall be assigned therefor at least one day previous to such election.

RULE 16. Committees of Conference shall consist of three members on the part of each House, representing its vote; and their report, if agreed to by a majority of each Committee, shall be made to the branch asking the conference, and may be either accepted or rejected; but no other action shall be had, except through a new Committee of Conference.

RULE 17. Joint Committees shall make final report upon all matters previously referred to them, on or before the twenty-second day of March, unless further time is granted for cause.

RULE 18. No bill or resolve affecting the rights of individuals or private or municipal corporations, or the Commonwealth, shall be reported to the legislature by any Committee, unless it shall be made to appear to the satisfaction of the Committee that notice has been given in the manner provided by law; or unless such notice as the Committee shall direct shall have been given, and proper proof of the same placed before the Committee; or, unless, in the judgment of the Committee, no notice to the parties or the public is necessary.

RULE 19. All petitions, memorials and applications embraced in the provisions of chapter 2 of the General Statutes and chap-

ter 91 of the Acts of the year 1862, which shall be presented after the twenty-second day of February, shall be referred to the next General Court. This Rule shall not be rescinded, amended or suspended, except by a concurrent vote of four-fifths of the members of each House present and voting thereon.

RULE 20. The Committee on Printing shall act as a Joint Committee in cases requiring joint action; and as such may make regulations for the distribution of all documents printed or assigned for the use of the legislature, not otherwise disposed of; such regulations to be reported to and subject to the order of the two branches.

Under the general order to print a report, bill or other document, the number printed shall be eight hundred, with the exception of the Governor's Inaugural Address, of which three thousand copies may be printed without special order. Either branch, by special order, may direct a larger number than eight hundred copies to be printed, which order shall be referred to the Committee on Printing, who may report thereon at any time when the Orders of the Day are not under consideration.

Leave to report in print, shall not be construed to authorize the printing of extended reports of evidence.

No binding or engraving shall be ordered, except upon the report of the Joint Committee on Printing accepted by the legislature.

Bills, reports and other documents, printed under the general order of either House, shall be distributed as follows, to wit: two copies to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives (to be placed on his file under the direction of the Sergeant-at-Arms, if desired by the member); three copies to each Clerk in each branch, and three copies to each reporter in regular attendance, to whom a seat has been assigned in either branch; twenty copies to the Executive; twenty copies to the Secretary's Office; six copies to the State Library; and, when the document is the report of a committee, ten copies shall be assigned to the committee making the report. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall preserve as many as may be necessary for the permanent files to be placed in the lobbies, and distribute the remainder under such regulations as may be prescribed by said Joint Committee.

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THE OATH OF OFFICE.

[See page 6.]

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *So help me, God.*

I, do solemnly swear, that I will support the Constitution of the United States. *So help me, God.*

A F F I R M A T I O N .

I, (repeating your name,) do solemnly affirm, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the Constitution thereof. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

I, do solemnly affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as a Representative, according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth. *This I do, under the pains and penalties of perjury.*

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